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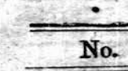

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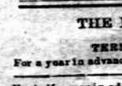

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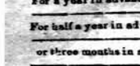

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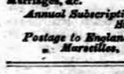

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For full particulars regarding this Tender, apply to the undersigned.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS.—Tenders are hereby invited for the ERECTION OF A COTTON PRESS BUILDING on the Bunder of the Victoria Land and Press Co. at Colaba. Drawings and Specifications for the same may be seen at the Office of the undersigned on and after Wednesday the 10th instant.

No Tenders will be received after 5 o'clock P.M. on WEDNESDAY the 1st of July (proximo).

LECKIE & Co.,
Secretaries and Treasurers Prince of Wales Press Co. Limited.

Bombay, 5th June 1863.

THE undersigned beg to intimate that they have been appointed Agents in Bombay for Messrs. Forrest, and Barr, the well known Glasgow Engineers, and that they are now prepared to register orders on the most favorable terms for all kinds of Wood Working Machinery, Steam Engines, Tools, Cranes and Hoisting Machinery, Water Wheels, Bridges, Iron Houses, Iron Roofing, &c.

GADDUM & Co.

Bombay, June 1863.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on FRIDAY the 26th instant, a quantity of Confiscated Goods will be sold at the Town Custom House, comprising Persian, and Country Tobacco, Sanff, Tortoise Shells, Ivory Bangles, inlaid with gold, Country Scented Oil, Sponges, Black Silk, Silk Piece Goods, Goa Spirits, Country Liquor, Goomkoo, Catguts, Silk and Worsted Waist Belts, Gold and Silver Ornaments, viz., a Gold Chain, Silver Buttons, Armlet, and Gold Earrings, Silk Lace and Handkerchiefs, White Copperware, Checked Fennel, and other Miscellaneous Articles.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required, and the Articles to be cleared away on or before the third day after the Sale, otherwise, the deposit will be forfeited, and the lots resold at the risk and loss of the first purchaser.

The sale to commence at 12 o'clock precisely.

F. F. ARBUTHNOT,
Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Salt and Opium; P. Bombay, Custom House, 8th June 1863.

HERBERT & Co.—RAMPART ROW.

(Rampart Row, near where the Apollo Gate stood.)

THE wonderful changes which have come about in the prices and quality of all European manufactures, has induced HERBERT & Co. to alter their mode of business, to meet the exigence of the times.

The following revised list of Stock and Prices will be found greatly to the advantage of buyers.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DEPARTMENT.

PIANOFORTES.—Each Rupees 175, 240, 350, 400, 600, 700, 900, 1,200, 1,500, and 2,500.

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GUITARS.—Each Rupees 120, 150, and 180.

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BAND INSTRUMENTS for Brass Bands only, (without reeds) viz: for performers of 8 men Rs. 800, 12 men Rs. 1,120, 16 men Rs. 1,475, 20 men Rs. 1,800, and 24 men Rs. 2,400.

All kinds and sizes in stock.

BAND INSTRUMENTS.—Reed Bands (Brass and Reed together) in sets suitable for any number of performers from 12 to 48 men.

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VIOLINS of rare quality, both of tone and appearance, from Rs. 40 to 120.

MUSICAL BOXES AND NOVELTIES.

All the modern improvements in amusing Ornaments, to be had cheap.

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TABLE WARE AND CUTLERY.
PHOTOGRAPHS ALBUMS, &c. of all kinds.
STATIONERY, DESKS, TRAVELLING KIT.
ELECTRO-PLATE AND SILVER WARE.
MEERSCHAUM PIPES AND SUNDRIES.

N.B.—A detailed Advertisement, and price list of the above stated goods is in the Press, and will be printed shortly.

Rampart Row. HERBERT & Co.

HERBERT & Co., Bombay, beg to announce the arrival of large invoices of new goods *viâ* the Cape and per Overland route.

The Library of Books will be found to contain most of the new publications of the day—some of special interest to residents in India. The following have just been received Overland:—

RICHLY ILLUMINATED CHURCH SERVICE, beautifully bound in Morocco, Antique, with gilded Rims, Clasps and Ornamental Mediæval Cover's. The Frontispiece is richly illuminated, and is also adorned with an exquisite miniature Photograph of a sacred painting by one of the old masters. The Morning Service, the Psalms, and, in short, each Service and the Morning and Evening Lessons are prefaced by a richly illuminated Frontispiece. Rs. 12.

THE LADIES' CHURCH SERVICES,
Admirably suited for a Marriage, or for a Birth-day Gift.

The above is an exquisite *work of Art*. It is bound in Ivory, either plain, or with a Cross, or with the sacred Monogram, exquisitely carved in Ivory on the front covers of the Book. The views, corners, and clasps are richly Electro-Silvered; the Book is illuminated with Mediæval Frontispiece to each Service and to the Lessons. Price Rs. 30.

A neat Morocco case, lined with silk, accompanies each of the above Books.

HERBERT & Co. unhesitatingly recommend the above as being of the most beautiful finish and design, and as admirably adapted for presentation.

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A splendidly bound quarto volume, beautifully printed on the best paper, illustrated with Photographs from the most celebrated paintings of the old masters, with Mediæval Mountings and ornamentations, and with Family Register for Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

HERBERT & Co. direct particular attention to this unique volume, on which have been exercised the best skill of the Printer, the Bookbinder, the Illuminator and the Photographer, and as a work worthy of Acceptance from Rs. 60 to Rs. 75 each.

GOSS AND MERCER'S PSALTER,
As used at the Byculla and other Churches in Bombay.

Large Edition, with Music complete	Rs...	2 8
Small Ditto.	ditto	1 8

Rampart Row. HERBERT & Co.

SILVER PLATE AND ELECTRO SILVER WARE.

HERBERT & Co. beg respectfully to solicit the attention of residents in Bombay and at Outstations, to their unequalled Stock of Articles for the Table, comprising every description of Cruet, Pickle, Egg, Breakfast, and Tiffin Frames, Toast Racks, Muffineers, Salt-cellars, Butter Tubs, Coolers, &c., in a dozen different varieties, Egg Warmers, Bread Baskets and Platters, Tea and Coffee Services, Side Dishes, Vegetable Dishes, of the newest patterns, Sir Garry and Soup Ladles, Patent Urns, for making Tea or Coffee, Sugar Vases, Tea Salvers and Waiters, newly designed Crumb Brushes, Bread Knives, Dish Covers, Covers of every size for Glasses and Cups, &c., Dish Carvers of new patterns, well adapted for presents, Chocolate Bowls, Lemonade Jugs for Soup, Drinking Cups and Mugs, Ang-dauns, *for fire-holders for lighting Cheroots, &c.*), Claret Jugs, Wine Fiagons, Goblets, Sauce Boats, Candle sticks, Candelabras, Table Candlesticks; Chamber do., Flower Vases and Cigar Cases, Flasks, Hotwater Plates, Presentation articles for Wedding gifts, Birthday gifts, &c. &c., Ice Tongs, Marrow Scoops, and all the articles included in "*sets*" of Table Forks and Spoons, &c., including the "Prince of Wales" pattern. Novelties in Electroplate received by every Overland Mail direct from the makers.

SETS OF SILVER KNIFE, FORK, SPOON, AND MUG.

In several handsome and elegant patterns, richly chased or engraved, and highly finished. In morocco case, silk and velvet lined. From, Cash ..... Rs. 60 to 100 0

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Beautifully engraved and ornamented and very highly finished. In cases as above. From, Cash ..... Rs. 70 to 115 0

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In great variety, plain or engraved, and of the best finish. Fitted in handsome morocco cases silk and velvet lined. From, Cash Rs. 15 to ... 35 0

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Small Silver Inkstands, suited for Ladies' Davenports, with Silver Scallop Sheilstands, and coloured glass ink bottles, with sliding tops. From, Cash ..... Rs. 25 0

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Very rich Silver Cigar Cases, with hinge and spring catch, elaborately engraved or chased, and very highly finished, with scroll for engraving crest or initials. From Cash Rs. 45 to 60 0

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BOMBAY DAILY BILL, SHARE, STOCK, AND FREIGHT LIST.

BOMBAY GAZETTE OFFICE,
Thursday, 18th June 1863.

EXCHANGE.

On What Place.	Terms.	Rates.
London Banks	6 months' sight	2s. 0¼d.
Do. Credits	Do. do.	2s. 0¼d.
Do. Documents	Do. do.	2s. 0¼d.
Calcutta	At sight	100¼
Madras	30 days' sight	100¾
China	60 Ds. do.	220 per $100.

SHARES.

Names.	Paid up	Last Half-year's Dividend.	Rates.
	Rs.		[ex divd.
Agra Bank	500	5 pr. ct.	125 per cent pm.
Bombay Bank	1,000	4¼ do.	168 prem.
Central Bank	250	2½ do.	21 prem.
Commercial Bank	500	5 do.	50 ex divid.
Chartered Bank of India, A. & China	200	2½ do.	25 premium.
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China	250	5 do.	112 premium.
Oriental Bank Corporation	250	8 do.	132 pr. ct. pm.
Madras Bank	1,000	4¼ do.	134 premium.
Passee Com.			
Apollo Press Co.	11,000	1,800 per share.	Rs. 24,000 p. sh.
Colaba Press Co.	2,7000		Rs. 6,000 p. sh.
Times Press Co.	3,667	375 per share	Rs. 10,800 p. sh.
Hydraulic Press Co.	4,000	350 per share	Rs. 1,600 pur. p. share.
Elphinstone Land & Press Co.	6,000	250 per share	Rs. 12,000 p. sh. [prem.
Railway Com.			
G. I. P. Railway Co.			
Consolidated Stock	218-3-0	pr. ct.	Rs. 8 prem.
Do. New £20 shares	130-14-0	2½ do.	Rs. 12 prem.
Bombay Baroda & C. I. R. Co.	1,000	2½ do.	Nominal.
Byculla & Wattlee Com.			
Bombay Spinning & Weaving Co.	5,000	1,000 per share.	300 dis.
Great Eastern Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,100	.....	Rs. 200 disct.
Manockji Pittyjopinning & Weaving Co.	550	.....	Rs. 150 disct.
Oriental Spinning & Weaving Co.	2,500	450 Rs. p. share.	Rs. 300 prem.
Royal Spinning and Weaving Co.	1,500	.....	Rs. 230 disct.
Victoria Spinning Co.	5,000	.....	Rs. 300 disct.
Bombay United Spinning & Weaving Co.	4,500	.....	Rs. 250 disct.
Jafur Alee Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	125	.....	Nominal.
Bomanjee Wadia Spinning Co.	5,000	.....	Rs. 200 disct.
Calabe Land Co.	10,000	Rs. 100	Rs. 15,000.
Throstle Mill Co.	4,000	.....	Rs. 2,000 disct.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Four Per Cent. Transfer Loan 104

Loan 1835-36 ..... } 97¼
Loan 1842-43 ..... } 97¼
Loan 1854-55 ..... } 97¼

New Five per Cent. Loan 109¼
Five and a Half Per Cent. Loan 119

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each	Rs.	10-4½
Bank of England Notes	,,	10-3
Spanish Dollars	,,	240
Condors	,,	290
Mexican Dollars	,,	225
German Crowns	,,	213
Five Franc Pieces	,,	205
Bar Silver	,,	107½
Gold Leaf	,,	16-12

FREIGHTS.

To Liverpool (Cotton)	£2 7s.	6d. to £3	0s. 0d.
,, (Seed)	£1 5s.	0d. to £1	15s. 0d.
To London (Cotton)	£2 10s.	0d. to £2	15s. 0d.
,, (Seed)	£2 5s.	0d. to £2	10s. 0d.
To China	} No enquiry.		
To Clyde			
To Hull			
To Calcutta and back	Rs. 20 offered.		

(PRICES CURRENT (17th June 1863.)

COTTON at Colaba		Per candy.
Broach and Surat New (ready.)	Rs.	490 to 495
New Dhollera, (ready.)	,,	483 to 485
New Bhowuggur, (ready.)	,,	484 to 485
New Oomrawuttee	,,	450 to 455
New Compta	,,	460 to 465
New Dharwar Sawginned	,,	565 to 570
New Barsee, and Nuggur	,,	445 to 450
New Veraval	,,	445 to 465
New Khandeish	,,	435 to 445
New Poralchee	,,	460 to 465
New Accote	,,	465 to 470
New Mangalore	,,	455 to 460
OPIUM—Malwa, Rs. 1,600 to 1,610.		
SEEDS—Linseed, Khandeish...at Rs.		6-12 to 6-13 per cwt.
Rapeseed, Guzerat	,,	7- 4 to 7- 6
Gingelly mixed (Black and White)	,,	32 to 33
Niger	,,	37 to 38
	,,	27 to 28

Banks.

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Paid-up Capital—£644,000.

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BOMBAY AGENCY.

EXCHANGE.

THE Bank's Agency in Bombay grants Bills of Exchange on THE CITY BANK, London, at the following rates, viz :—

6 months' sight (not under £50) at 2s. per Rupee.
4 Do. ..... at 1s. 11¾d. ,,
3 Do. ..... at 1s. 11¾d. ,,
2 Do. ..... at 1s. 11¾d. ,,
1 Do. ..... at 1s. 11¾d. ,,
On Demand (Head Office) ..... at 1s. 11¾d. ,,

DEPOSITS.

Interest is allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at 2 per cent. per annum, on the daily balance, and on Fixed Deposits, as follows :—

Repayable in one sum, at 3 months' notice, 3 per cent.
Do. 6 do. 5 ,,
Do. 12 do. 6 ,,

No Interest allowed on Current Account Balances under Rs. 1,000, nor on Deposits above Rs. 50,000, unless by special arrangement.

REMITTANCE.

The Bank's Agency realises *Drafts or Hoondies* on the Presidency for remittances to Europe in the Bank's Bills on London without charge.

All Drafts, or Hoondies, forwarded for realisation, to be made payable to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, or order.

COMMISSION.

On the sale or purchase of Government Paper, Bank Stock and other Securities, ¼ per cent.

The Bank receives Government and other Securities for safe custody, free of charge, the Interest or Dividends thereon being credited to account, or remitted home in the Bank's Bills.

On Interest or Dividends, or proceeds of Securities by sale ¼ per cent. commission charged, if the amounts be paid in India ; if remitted home by the Bank, no charge.

On delivering up of Securities, deposited for safe custody, ¼ per cent.

Office hours 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. ; Saturdays 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

The Directors have recently opened an Agency of the Bank of Rangoon for the transaction of general Banking and Exchange business.

ANTHONY MORRISON,
Bombay, 5th June 1863. Agent.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

BOMBAY AGENCY.

EXCHANGE.

THE CORPORATION grant Drafts on London on demand, and at from one day to six months' sight, and Drafts on Scotland and Ireland on demand ; also Circular Notes negotiable in Egypt, Syria, the Continent of Europe, New York, the West Indies, Australia, New Zealand, and the Cape of Good Hope.

The Current rates of Exchange are :—

On London at 6 months' sight ..... 2s. 0d. per Rupee.
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,, 2 do. ..... 1s. 11¾d. do.
,, 1 do. ..... 1s. 11¾d. do.
,, on demand ..... }
On Scotland do. ..... } 1s. 11¾d. do.
On Ireland do. ..... }
On Paris, at 3 days' sight ..... 1s. 11d. do.
Circular Notes payable throughout Europe. 1s. 11d. do.

No Drafts at six months' sight are granted for sums under £50. Sums under £20 are only drawn for on demand.

Drafts are also granted on Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Hongkong, Singapore, Mauritius, Melbourne and Sydney.

The Corporation purchase or collect Bills payable in Europe, or in Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Hongkong, Singapore, Mauritius, Melbourne, and Sydney.

DEPOSITS.

The Corporation receive Deposits on the following terms :—
Payable on demand, in sums of Rs. 100 and
,, 2 per ct. per annum.
Do. in one sum, at 3 months' notice ..... 3 ,,
Do. do. 6 do. ..... 4 ,,
Do. do. 12 do. ..... 5 ,,

No interest allowed on Deposits under Rs. 1,000, nor on deposits over Rs. 50,000, *unless by special arrangement.*

REMITTANCE.

The Corporation undertakes to remit money to Europe by each Overland Mail free of charge.

Parties are requested to make all Orders or Hoondies payable to "*The Oriental Bank Corporation or Order,*" and to state distinctly the name and address of the person to whom the Remittance is to be made, (*if to a Lady, her Christian name or names in full,*) and the sight at which the Bills are to be drawn.

COMMISSION.

The rate of Commission charged by this Agency on the purchase or sale of Government Securities negotiable in Bombay, is ¼ per cent. on the amount invested or realized, and on the collection of Bills, one per cent. and Postage.

The Corporation take charge of Government Paper, Shares in the Bank of Bombay, and other local Stocks, free of all charges, and will draw Interests and Dividends on the same as they fall due, on the following terms :—

If to be remitted through the Corporation ... Without charge.
If to be paid in India, a Commission will be charged of ¼ per cent.
On returning Government Paper out of safe custody ..... ¼ per cent.
If sum of business ..... 10 to 4 o'clock.
Saturday ..... 10 to 1 do.

KURRACHEE SUB-AGENCY.

[Bank Notes and On will issue Drafts on the Corporation Agency, Bombay, payable in London and Bombay. Current Rate of Exchange.]

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

Incorporated by National Decree of 7th and 8th March 1848, and by Imperial Decree of 20th July 1854.

PAID-UP CAPITAL—Francs 40,000,000 (£1,600,000.)
RESERVE FUND—Francs, 8,350,000 (£334,000.)
Head Office—14 *Rue Bergère, Paris.*
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Offices—23, *Rampart Row.*

THIS Agency grants Drafts and Letters of Credit, and purchases or collects Bills on the abovementioned places ; as also on the principal Towns of Continental Europe, on Madras, Pondichéry, Karrachee, Ceylon, Mauritius, Singapore, Hongkong, Sydney and Melbourne.

EXCHANGE.

Drafts granted as follows :—
On London 6 months' sight ..... 2s. 0¼d. per Rp.
,, 3 Do. Do. ..... 2s. 0d. ,,
,, On Demand ..... 1s. 11¾d. ,,
On France 6 months' sight ..... frs. 2-56 cts. ,,
,, 3 Do. Do. ..... ,, 2-53 ,, ,,
,, On Demand ..... ,, 2-50 ,, ,,

DEPOSITS.

Interest at 2 per cent. per annum allowed on Current Deposits when not less than Rs. 1000, nor exceeding Rs. 50,000, for fixed periods as may be specially arranged.

DISCOUNTS, LOANS, &c.

The Agency discounts approved Local Bills, grants Loans on Government Paper, Bullion, Bank Stock, and approved Shares and other Securities.

Any further information as to rates of business, &c. may be had at the Office, or on application by letter to the undersigned, to whom all remittances should be made payable.

T. R. R. DAVISON, Acting Manager.
Bombay, 25th March 1863.

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To prevent disappointment to persons at a distance who may purchase the Bank's Bills on Europe, the Manager will, whenever required, forward the first of exchange direct on being furnished with the address of the person to whom the Bill is to be sent. *In all instances where a Bill is required in favour of a Lady, her Christian name must be given in full.*

The Bank is prepared to negociate drafts payable in London or Liverpool, and will also purchase or grant Bills payable in Calcutta.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 2 per cent. per annum on balance exceeding Rs. 500 and not more than 50,000, and one per cent. per annum on balances exceeding Rs. 300 and not more than Rs. 500.

Interest is not allowed on balances of more than Rs. 50,000, except by special arrangement.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Subject to 12 months' notice of withdrawal 6 per cent per annum.
do. 9 do. do. 5½ do. do.
do. 6 do. do. 5 do. do.
do. 4 do. do. 4½ do. do.
do. 3 do. do. 4 do. do.

Notice of withdrawal may be given either when the money is deposited or at any future time, if the deposit be taken in the Bank's draft on demand, the notice of withdrawal will *generally* be dispensed with.

The Bank reserves to itself the right of paying off or of modifying the terms of Fixed Deposits, on giving one month's notice.

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Subject to 12 months' notice of withdrawal 6 per cent per annum.
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Bankers.
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Do. ..... The Alliance Bank of London & Liverpool. (Limited.) 5, Lothbury.
LIVERPOOL ..... The Alliance Bank of London & Liverpool. (Limited.) "The Albany."
SCOTLAND ..... The National Bank of Scotland.
IRELAND ..... The National Bank.

The Bombay Branch has been opened for business in the premises lately occupied by the Bank of Bombay.

The Manager grants drafts at the following rates of Exchange :—

On London or Liverpool at 6 months' sight 2s. 0d. per Rupee.
,, ,, ,, 4 do. 1s. 11¾d. do.
,, ,, ,, 3 do. 1s. 11¾d. do.
,, ,, ,, 2 do. 1s. 11¾d. do.
,, ,, ,, 1 do. 1s. 11¾d. do.
,, ,, ,, }
On Scotland ..... } On demand...1s. 11¾d. do.
On Ireland ..... }

Drafts on *the Bank of England*, on *Scotland* or *Ireland* are issued payable *on demand* only.

To prevent disappointment to persons at a distance who may purchase the Bank's Bills on Europe, the Manager will, whenever required, forward the first of exchange direct on being furnished with the address of the person to whom the Bill is to be sent. *In all instances where a Bill is required in favour of a Lady, her Christian name must be given in full.*

The Bank is prepared to negociate drafts payable in London or Liverpool, and will also purchase or grant Bills payable in Calcutta.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 2 per cent. per annum on balance exceeding Rs. 500 and not more than 50,000, and one per cent. per annum on balances exceeding Rs. 300 and not more than Rs. 500.

Interest is not allowed on balances of more than Rs. 50,000, except by special arrangement.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Subject to 12 months' notice of withdrawal 6 per cent per annum.
do. 9 do. do. 5½ do. do.
do. 6 do. do. 5 do. do.
do. 4 do. do. 4½ do. do.
do. 3 do. do. 4 do. do.

Notice of withdrawal may be given either when the money is deposited or at any future time, if the deposit be taken in the Bank's draft on demand, the notice of withdrawal will *generally* be dispensed with.

The Bank reserves to itself the right of paying off or of modifying the terms of Fixed Deposits, on giving one month's notice.

Deposits of Rs. 100, and not exceeding Rs. 50,000, are received by the Bank subject to 15 days' notice of withdrawal on either side, and interest allowed thereon at 2 per cent. below the Bank of Bombay minimum rate of discount, rising or falling therewith, but in no case will a higher rate than 5 per cent. be allowed on Deposits of this class.

Unless money shall have been lodged 15 days prior to the Notice of withdrawal, no interest will be allowed.

Government Paper and other Securities received for safe custody, and the interest remitted by the Bank's draft free of charge.

The Bank will procure enfacement of Government Paper on account of Constituents, and forward the same to the Head Office.

It is particularly requested that all orders or Hoondees may be made payable to, and all communications addressed "*The Manager, Bank of Hindustan, (Limited,) Bombay.*"

R. E. W. BAKER, Manager.
Rampart Row, 17th June 1863.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

EXCHANGE.

THE Bank grants Drafts on London, and on Scotland and Ireland, also Circular Notes negotiable in Egypt, Syria, and the principal Towns of Europe, at the following current rates of Exchange :—

On London, at 6 months' sight ..... 2s. per Rupee.
,, 4 do. ..... 1s. 11¾d. ,,
,, 3 do. ..... 1s. 11¾d. ,,
,, 2 do. ..... 1s. 11¾d. ,,
,, 1 do. ..... 1s. 11¾d. ,,
,, On demand ..... }
On Scotland do. ..... } 1s. 11¾d. ,,
On Ireland do. ..... }
Circular Notes for the use of Travellers on the Continent and to Europe Overland at 1 day's sight... } 1s. 11 d. ,,

Drafts at 6 months' sight are not granted for less than £50, and sums under £20 are only drawn for payable on demand.

The Bank also purchases Bills and grants Drafts payable in Calcutta, Madras, Ceylon, Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, Singapore, Penang, and Mauritius.

Bills collected at any of the above places at an uniform charge including postages, of one per cent.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts ..... 2 per cent.
Deposits for 3 months ..... 3 ,,
Do. do. 6 do. ..... 4 ,,
Do. do. 12 do. ..... 6 ,,

No interest allowed on Current Account Balances under Rs. 1,000, nor on over Rs. 50,000, unless by special agreement. No cheques paid or cash received under Rs. 20.

COMMISSION.

The Bank takes charge of Government Securities, Shares in Banks and other Companies without charge, and realises the Interest and Dividends, for which a charge will be made of ¼ per cent.

On returning Government Paper or Share Certificates out of safe custody, or when sold on paying the proceeds of such sale in India, a commission will be charged of ¼ per cent. But if proceeds are remitted on the Bank's Drafts, without charge.

Commission charged on purchase and sale of Government Securities and Shares, ¼ per cent.

R. D. PEEBLES,
Bombay, 17th June 1863. Agent.

THE AGRA AND UNITED SERVICE BANK, (LIMITED.)

ESTABLISHED IN INDIA, 1833.

Incorporated by Royal Charter.

HEAD OFFICE ..... LONDON.
BRANCHES AT CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, MADRAS, AGRA, LAHORE, KURRACHEE, UMRITSUR, SHANGHAI, HONG-KONG, EDINBURGH and SYDNEY.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £1,000,000 (TWO MILLIONS STERLING.)
PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,000,000 (ONE MILLION STERLING.)
RESERVED FUND, £192,653 17s. 9d. Rs. 19,26,538 13as. 4p.

The Bombay Manager grants drafts on London on demand and at from one to six months' sight; also Circular Notes negotiable in Egypt and the Continent of Europe.

The following are the current rates of Exchange :—

On London at 6 months' sight ..... 2s. 0d.
,, 4 months' sight ..... 1s. 11¾d.
,, 3 months' sight ..... 1s. 11¾d.
,, 2 months' sight ..... 1s. 11¾d.
,, 1 months' sight ..... 1s. 11¾d.
On demand ..... 1s. 11¾d.
Circular Notes ..... 1s. 11d.

The London General Manager will generally, if desired, be prepared to discount the Bank's Bills at the current rate of the day.

The Bank purchases Bills and grants Drafts payable at Calcutta, Agra, Madras, Lahore, Kurrachee, Umritsur, Hong-Kong, Shanghai, and Sydney.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

1. On Floating, or Current Deposits, payable on demand of not less than Rs. 1,000 or more than Rs. 50,000, 2 per cent. per annum.

2. On fixed deposits at 3 months' notice, 3 per cent. per annum.

3. On Fixed Deposits at 6 months' notice, 4 per cent. per annum.

4. On Fixed Deposits at 12 months' notice, 5 per cent. per annum.

Fixed Deposits may generally be availed of for the Bank's Bills on London without notice.

Notice of withdrawal can be given at the time of depositing the money, or at any time thereafter.

Interest is credited to Deposit accounts half-yearly.

No interest allowed on Current Account Balances over Rs. 50,000, unless by special agreement.

The Funds of all public bodies connected with the Services and of such other Societies as the Directors may consider eligible for the same privilege, will be received by the Bank at its highest rate of interest for the time being subject to modified conditions.

The Bank reserves to itself the right of paying off all interest Deposits, and of modifying the terms thereof, on giving one month's notice.

Persons making remittances to the Bank should specify distinctly the Account or Accounts to which the same are to be credited. *Accuracy in this respect is particularly desirable.*

COMMISSION.

The Bank takes charge of Government Securities, Shares in Banks and other Companies without charge, and realises the Interest and Dividends, for which a charge will be made of ¼ per cent.

On returning Government Paper or other Securities out of safe custody, or when sold on paying the proceeds of such sale in India, a commission will be charged of ¼ per cent. But if proceeds are remitted on the Bank's Drafts, without charge.

To obviate disappointment in parties at a distance purchasing the Bank's Bills on England, which might reach them too late for despatch by first Mail, it is hereby notified that the Bank will, whenever so required, transmit the first of *Exchange* direct, on being furnished with the correct address of the party at Home to whom the remittance is to be sent.

All Orders or Hoondies should be made payable to the Manager of the Agra & U. S. Bank, (Limited), or order, and the letters enclosing them should state distinctly the name of the person to whom the Remittance is to be made *(if to a Lady her Christian name or names in full,)* and the sight at which the Bills are to be drawn.

NOTICE.—The Bank will obtain registry of Promissory Notes of the several Loans of the Indian Government, and Enfacement for payment of the Interest in London.

Drafts for interest on such Government Promissory Notes, on the Treasuries of Calcutta and Madras, will be received for encashment at current rates of Exchange, or for realization in India, at the Head Office of the Bank in London, where constituents can also deposit their securities for safe custody.

Parties are requested to address "*The Manager of the Agra and United Service Bank, (Limited), Bombay,*" and to make all orders or Hoondies payable to him.

A Branch of the Bank has been lately established at Sydney, New South Wales, (Mr. Alexander Campbell, Manager) for the transaction of business in all its Branches.

H. B. MACCULLOCH, Manager.
Bombay, 17th June 1863.

CENTRAL BANK OF WESTERN INDIA.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts above Rs. 1,000 and not exceeding Rs. 50,000, repayable on demand, at 2 per cent per annum.

On Deposits for 3 months certain 3 per cent per annum.
Do. ,, 6 ,, ,, 5 ,, ,,
Do. ,, 12 ,, ,, 6 ,, ,,

EXCHANGE.

Bills on London, at 6 months sight 2s. 0¼d. per Rupee
Ditto at 4 ditto 2s. 0¼d. do.
Ditto at 3 ditto 2s. 0¼d. do.
Ditto at 2 ditto 2s. 0¼d. do.
Ditto at 1 ditto 2s. 0¼d. do.
Ditto on demand ditto 1s. 11¾d. do.

Drafts at 6 months' sight are not granted for less than £5, and amounts under £20 are only drawn for payable on demand.

COMMISSION.

On the sale or purchase of Government and other Securities 5 per cent. on the amount realised or invested.

The Bank receives Government and other Securities for safe custody, free of charge, the Interest or Dividends thereon being credited to account or remitted home in the Bank's Bills, also without charge.

On Interest, or Dividends, or on proceeds of Securities by sale ¼ per cent. commission charged if the amounts be paid in India ; if remitted home by the Bank, no commission charged.

On returning Securities out of safe custody, ¼ per cent. commission.

Hours of business ..... 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Saturdays ..... 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

EDWIN HEYCOCK.
Bombay, 15th May 1863. Manager.

COMMERCIAL BANK OF INDIA.

HEAD OFFICE, BOMBAY.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts above Rs. 1,000 and not exceeding 50,000, repayable on demand ..... 2 per ct. per ann.
Fixed Deposits for 6 months ..... 5 do. do.
Ditto Do. 12 do. ..... 6 do. do.
Cheques paid, or Cash received, under Rs. 20.

CASH CREDITS.

On Government Securities ..... 9 per cent.
On other Securities ..... 10 do.

EXCHANGE.

Bills on London at 6 months' sight ..... 2s. 0d. per Rupee.
Ditto 4 ditto ..... 1s. 11¾d. do.
Ditto 3 ditto ..... 1s. 11¾d. do.
Ditto 2 ditto ..... 1s. 11¾d. do.
Ditto 1 ditto ..... 1s. 11¾d. do.
On demand ..... 1s. 11¾d. do.

COMMISSION.

On the sale or purchase of Government Paper, Bank Stock, and other Securities, ¼ per cent. on the amount realised or invested.

The Bank receives Government and other Securities for safe custody, free of charge, the Interest or Dividends thereon being credited to account, or remitted home in the Bank's Bills, also without charge.

On Interest, or Dividends, or on proceeds of Securities by sale ¼ per cent. commission charged if the amounts be paid in India ; if remitted home by the Bank, no commission charged.

On returning Securities out of safe custody, ¼ per cent. commission.

Hours of business ..... 10 to 4 o'clock.
Saturdays ..... 10 to 1 do.

ROBERT ANGUS, Manager.
Bombay, 15th June 1852.

Shipping.

BOMBAY.

ARRIVAL.

DATE.	SHIP.	COMMANDER.	FROM
June 17	Bombay Merchant	Fowler	Sea.

DEPARTURES.

DATE.	SHIPS.	COMMANDERS.	TO
June 17	St. Bernard	Mason	Calcutta.
	Kurrachee (s)	Cottier	Malabar Coast and Kurrachee.

PASSENGERS SAILED.

Per Steamer *Kurrachee.*—Mr. Gray ; Mr. Ryan ; Colonel Dennis, R. A. ; and 24 natives.

PORT CLEARANCES.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—
Ship *Wasp*, T. Storey, bound to Liverpool.
Ship *Agenoria*, P. Johnson, bound to Moulmein.

COMMENCED LOADING.

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—
Ship *Camperdown*, for Calcutta.
Ship *Contest*, for Liverpool.
Ship *China*, for Rangoon.

DAILY EXPORTS.

BOMBAY, WEDNESDAY, 17TH JUNE 1863.

For London.

Wellington.—65 packages Coffee, 70½ cwt., Hajee Addoola Noormohmud.
Morayshire.—1 case Sundries, Leckie and Co.
Shannon.—30 casks Aloes, 60 cwt., F. Chambers.
Bucephalus.—1,200 bags Linseed, 1,803 cwt., Ralli Brothers.

For Liverpool.

John Stuart.—60 bales Cotton, 210 cwt., Gunsy Tlcum.
Peter Maxwell.—50 bales Cotton, 175 cwt., Cullianjee Petamber ; 100 bales Cotton, 350 cwt., Dhuramsy Poonjabhoy ; 35 bales Cotton, 122½ cwt., Damodar Cursondass and Co. ; 60 bales Cotton, 210 cwt., Cooverjee Morojee.
Henry Moore.—225 bales Cotton, 787½ cwt., Framjee, Sands and Co.
Bulwark.—2 bales Cotton, 7 cwt., Framjee, Sands and Co.
South.—200 bales Cotton, 700 cwt., B. H. Cama ; 60 bales Cotton, 210 cwt., Luckmonrow Mullarrow ; 115 bales Cotton, 402½ cwt., Gopaillrow Mullarrow ; 1,000 bundles Linseed, 500 cwt., Luthabhoy Poonjy.
Venus.—500 bundles Country Galls, 250 cwt., Soondarjee Damjee.
Forganhall.—90 bundles Galls, 45 cwt., Dewjee Muckany.
Floating Light.—25 bales Wool, 75 cwt., Lallubhund Golabroy ; 55 bales Cotton, 192½ cwt., Cullianjee Canjee.
Sea Queen.—200 bales Cotton, 700 cwt., Eduljee Framjee and Co.
Thetis.—110 bales Cotton, 385 cwt., Goculdass Cullianjee and Co. ; 448 bags Jingelly Seed, 224 cwt., Hormusjee Jamsetjee Sons and Co.
Nagasakie.—800 bales Cotton, 1,050 cwt., Treoumjee Veljjee and Co. ; 500 bales Cotton, 1,750 cwt., D. Byramjee and Co.
North Cream.—200 bags Jingelly Seed, 800 cwt.
Magras Woomermamull.
Glen Maidon.—50 bales Wool, 180 cwt., Jeatha Megjee.
Margaret Blair.—110 bales Cotton, 385 cwt., Goculdass Nursidass ; 10 bales Cotton, 35 cwt., Finlay, Scott and Co.
Contest.—500 bales Cotton, 1,750 cwt., Coupland and Co. ; 250 bales Cotton, 875 cwt., Dhurumsy Jews & Co.
Albion.—500 bales Cotton, 1,750 cwt., Merwanjee Framjee ; 2 cases Sundries, Fulcher, Cooper and Co.
Fleur de Lis.—100 bales Cotton, 350 cwt., Eduljee Framjee and Co.
Excellent.—400 bales Cotton, 1,400 cwt., Mooljee Dhunjee ; 250 bales Cotton, 875 cwt., Curseedass Gunseedass ; 200 bales Cotton, 700 cwt., Bapoo Viram.
Tim Whiffler.—205 bales Cotton, 717½ cwt., Dinshaw Peroshaw.

LIST OF VESSELS OF THE BOMBAY MARINE.

	VESSELS.	STATIONS.
1.	Ajdaha	Bombay Harbour.
2.	Coromandel	
3.	Dalhousie	Kurrachee.
4.	Goolanar	
5.	Hugh Rose	
6.	Sanke	Bombay Harbour.
7.	Zenobia	
8.	Horn at (s.) Dayman	

VESSELS IN BOMBAY HARBOUR.

[c. l. signifies " commenced loading."]

FOR LONDON.

985	Bacephalus, Black—Ewart, Latham & Co.	(c. l. June 8)	
1191	Conway, C. Spence—W. Nicol & Co.	(c. l. May 11)	
724	Morayshire, Mathers—Blackwell & Co.	(c. l. May 29)	
1047	Mystery, Sup.—Ewart, Latham & Co.	(c. l. May 13)	
1107	Scotland, Campbell—W. Nicol

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HIGH COURT.

EQUITY SIDE LATE SUPREME COURT.

Matters and Causes for hearing this day.

Fazul Habibhoy *vs.* Habibhoy Ebrahim. (Exceptions for Argument, part heard.)

William Howard Esq. *vs.* Wishwanath Atmaram. (Exceptions for Argument, part heard.)

Eduljee Dadabhoy and another *vs.* Bhiccoyjee widow. (For hearing.)

Nansee Tarra Naiquem and another *vs.* Khojah Allarakha Soonar. (For hearing.)

Ruttonjee Manockjee *vs.* Futtey Bebee. (For hearing.)

Hormusjee Bomanjee Kaka *vs.* Parvuteebaee widow. (For hearing.)

17th June 1863. GEO. TAYLOR, Registrar.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE SIR JOSEPH ARNOULD.

Suits for further hearing and final disposal.

No. of List 1.—No. of Suit 1.—Madowjee Hurjee *vs.* Dinshaw Ardaseer and others. (Part heard).

No. of List 22.—No. of Suits 59.—Oomersey Welljee and others *vs.* The G. I. P. Railway Company.

No. of List 23.—No. of Suits 60.—Tatia Madowjee *vs.* Bhageertheebai widow.

No. of List 24.—No. of Suits 45.—Soojawodeen Tyabjee and others *vs.* Khoja Allarucka Peerbhoy Khimjee.

No. of List 25.—No. of Suits 62.—Villa Ghella *vs.* Ramtuton Succaram and others.

J. M. MARRIOTT, Deputy Registrar.

Prothonotary's Office, 17th June 1863.

SMALL CAUSE COURT.

Tuesday, 16th June 1863.

(BEFORE THE FULL COURT.)

Lucka Motee and Suttra Prema, surviving partners of Lucka Zoda deceased vs. Jaygonath Pandurung, and Crustnabaee, widow of Pandurung, deceased.

NATIVE TRUTHFULNESS.—Mr. Pandurung applied to the Court for a new trial in this case. The cause was tried before the First Judge of this Court on the 9th and 10th instant, when Mr. Barton appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Cooper for the defendant. The action was to recover the sum of two hundred and fifty-one rupees on a promissory note, together with one hundred and eleven rupees and eleven annas interest. From the evidence before the Court, His Honor gave a verdict for the defendant, who by his witnesses statements, had proved that one Lucka Zoda (since deceased) a partner of the present plaintiffs, had obtained the partnership debts, &c. from them, which he had again transferred to one Gana Khooshall who succeeded him in the business. Gana Khooshall swore he had received a release from the said Lucka Zoda, and that the defendant, Pandurung, had given him satisfaction for the original debt, which had been handed over to him by Lucka Zoda, and was entered in his book as so transferred. The promissory note, however, neither Gana nor the defendant had received from Lucka Zoda, who said he had lost it, but that Pandurung would notify again about the money again. (Vide *Gazette* of the 12th and 13th instant.)

The grounds for a new trial were as follows :—An alibi was put in, stating that the evidence, given by the defendant's witnesses, was false. It had been stated by defendant's witnesses that the money due on the promissory note, had been paid by Gana Khooshall to Lucka Zoda (deceased) and that a release had been given for the same. The affidavit further stated that two of the witnesses of the defendant had declared at a meeting of the Marwarree caste, that they had given false evidence at the trial, and were willing to come before the Court and make a similar declaration to the Judge who tried the case. Affidavits had been prepared, which were ready to be placed before His Honor, in which the chief men of the Marwarree caste, who heard the confession of the men, solemnly declared that they had heard the witnesses say they had given false evidence, and that they were willing to come before the Court, and "beg for forgiveness."

The First Judge refused the application for a new trial, but the plaintiffs might, he said, if they chose, indict these Marwarree witnesses for perjury, and upon their conviction before a Criminal Court, he might then entertain the plaintiff's application.

Wednesday, 17th June 1863.

(BEFORE J. F. HORE, ESQ.)

Lucka Motee and Suttra Prema vs. *Juggonath Pandurung.*

THE plaintiffs in this cause, which was reported in the *Gazette* of the 12th, and as above, applied for a copy of the Judge's notes, in order that they might institute proceedings against the defendant's witnesses, on a charge of perjury, as the Police authorities would not entertain the prosecution without them.

His Honor asked Mr. Barton if such was the case, and if there was anything in the Act to that effect.

Mr. Barton said the Police Magistrates generally required this, but there was nothing in the Act ordering it.

His Honor said he would consider the matter.

Thacker Gocul Mohunjee and Ragowjee Callianjee, trading under the name of Gocul Ragowjee vs. *Thacker Luckmidass Khyraz and vice versa.*

THIS was an action and a cross-action. The first was to recover the sum of four hundred and sixty-three rupees and thirteen annas, being three hundred and forty-eight rupees and fifteen annas for loss sustained by breach of contract in not delivering 551 cwt. of linseed, as agreed ; one hundred and one rupees earnest money on the agreement, and interest, &c., thirteen rupees and fourteen annas.

In the cross-action the defendant sought to recover three hundred and eighty-five rupees and four annas, being Rs. 292-14 less Rs. 9-10 rebate, the loss of eight and a half annas per cwt. on 551 cwts. of linseed which the plaintiff had failed to deliver to him as agreed ; earnest money, Rs. 101 and interest Rs. 1.

Mr. Barton appeared for the plaintiff in the first suit. Dr. Reid for the defendant.

Mr. Barton stated the case.—He said this was an action for difference in contract price. It was, as often occurs, an agreement arising out of another, between the vendee and vendor, in which the goods are returned to the latter, instead of delivery being demanded. Although the goods had not changed hands, he still thought the case was quite intelligible. The contract was put in whereby the defendant had bound himself to supply 551 cwts. of linseed by the 20th of April. This, however, he had failed to do, but had agreed to give the plaintiff Rs. 6-3-6 for it instead of Rs. 5-9, at which price the defendants had agreed to supply it.

Dr. Reid said the summons was unintelligible. The fact was the plaintiff had no money to pay for the goods, and the defendants had returned the earnest money to him to cancel the agreement. They were both willing and ready to deliver, and they had returned the Rs. 101 earnest money, although they need not have done so.

Mr. Barton said his learned friend must produce a document to substantiate this. It was only in very extreme cases that parole evidence could be taken, to answer a written acknowledgment. Mr. Barton said he remembered it was a common thing in Westminster Hall for Lord Campbell to hold up a promissory note, and ask what could answer that. It was very dangerous, he thought, to admit parole evidence in a country in which perjury was so rife.

His Honor said that after all these written acknowledgments were only prima facie evidence.

Mr. Barton asked what His Honor would think of him if he came there to contest owing his landlord rent, if he had taken no receipts from him.

His Honor thought that he would be deemed very foolish under such circumstances, but it was now for him to prove the contract and that the defendant had broken it, which they denied.

Dr. Reid admitted the contract.

The trial was then proceeded with, but each stage seemed only to mystify more and more the learned judge and counsel engaged in its discussion. At one time there was much confusion occasioned by the Judge trying to indentify the first agreement with the second one, which one of the learned counsel was reading. The labyrinth at last however was happily terminated, by the discovery by the Judge, that the agreement upon which the plaintiff sued was dated 4th of May 1863, and purported to be an agreement between the parties for a supply of linseed to be delivered before the 20th April. His Honor remarked that the agreement, for these reasons, was perfect nonsense. How could any one agree to deliver fourteen days after the day of delivery.

Mr. Barton called on the plaintiff to explain this inconsistency as, he said, neither Judge, counsel, nor any body else could make head or tail of it.

The plaintiff said he bought linseed at Rs. 5-9 per cwt. of defendant. On the day of expiration of contract, as he could not deliver it, they agreed he should rebuy it at a premium,—fourteen days after he signed the contract to that effect.

His Honor said it was a question of construction for the Court. Plaintiff said he was suing for difference of price, and when it is looked into it does not refer to previous agreement in any way ; but the plaintiff in the second agreement has agreed to an impossibility. Mr. Barton could not prove his cause of action, except for the Rs. 101. He could not recover upon the first item. He advised that the litigants should elect nonsuit on both sides.

Elected accordingly, and costs certified on neither.

NEWS LETTER.

MAHABULESHWAR, 11TH JUNE.

WE had no rain all night—the sun shone out this morning, and it was very pleasant until twelve o'clock. After the gun fired we had a smart shower, and since then fog and light rain. Many people have been detained here against their will, owing to the want of hamals. The Bishop of Bombay was ready to leave last evening, but could not. I saw our active Mucoddum, Mr. Eduljee, mounted on his steed, and a large body of hamals following him, to meet the wishes of those who wanted to get away. This old man should be better provided for. He has been active for years past gone and risked his life in going through the country looking for men in the rain ; but no one is grateful to men of this kind, only, when disappointed, they want to have them well punished for not having men, as many as are required, on the spot at once. I know in most cases the Muccadum is well paid, but I do not think so with regard to ours. He would prefer getting a settled monthly salary, and have no other way of making any thing. Many a time on presenting an honest bill he has been abused for it, and it is not an uncommon thing for gentlemen leaving to forget paying these small amounts. "It is only a rupee or two, and the fellow seems to think I am going to run away !" These are very common remarks, and they very often forget to pay until far away, and then it is too much trouble to send so small a sum. Others think nothing of coming up and having a house nicely furnished, and must have every want attended to, until they are asked about the rent. You are then thought troublesome, or something worse. I am sorry to say these remarks are not uncalled for.

The Governor is still at Paunchgunny, but is expected to leave on Saturday. The Bishop I think may be able to get away to-morrow morning, and reach your great city early on Saturday, so as to avoid travelling on Sunday. It would be as well if all were as particular about it. Miss Page and school left about ten o'clock for Sattara, where I believe they remain until after the rains, when they expect to go to Poona. The Christie Minstrels are in hopes of getting away to-morrow, if hamals can be got. I have been quite delighted listening to them at practice. I should like to have an opportunity of seeing and hearing them in Poona. I think it will be a great treat.

12TH JUNE.

THIS morning left Sir William and Lady Mansfield for Sattara, and at length the Bishop for Poona. All this disappointment and delay might be saved by a little management, by finding some suitable employment for the hamals when they are not required for palkee work, as there is work of all kinds to be done, at least men in office think so, and money is spent accordingly. Our station however is not improved of late, but as changes are likely to take place we hope for better things. The climate is everything to be desired ; with regard to purity of air nothing can equal it. Just fancy the washing these mountains will get these three months to come, and the water runs off as fast as it falls. Our new comers into office make a great fuss about cleaning the place, and all kinds of regulations have been framed to keep all clean. People are not allowed to keep a little dunghill in their own compounds ; and as potatoes will not grow without it they must therefore be purchased from the bazar people, who can do as they please, for no one cares to look at that dirty place.

We have but little rain until after twelve o'clock, when it generally comes down until nightfall, and then clears up. Gardens look well, and roses coming out beautifully.

I think the Governor will leave Paunchgunny tomorrow. There have been some robberies committed ; Mr. Myers has had a box broken open, and Rs. 100 taken. There were bank notes in the same box, but none were missing. The thief was a knowing one ; rupees have no mark on them. A master shoe-maker has been relieved it is reported of Rs. 200. I think he may have lost sixty or seventy. Another person had his cash box taken with Rs. 15 in it. Another party had a drawing room bell stolen ; the thief thought it was all gold. Two of the Minstrels have left for Poona, and the others will go as soon as they get hamals.—*Poona Observer, June* 16.

POONA.

THE WEATHER.—Visitors still coming are recommended to come without delay. It is beautifully cool and pleasant. We have had showers, but not violent rain, for the last five days, though from the change in the temperature much rain must have fallen in the country round. On Sunday afternoon about five there was a smart shower, and many of our station readers doubtless beheld the magnificent double rainbow, of unusual brilliancy and completeness, which followed. Yesterday it drizzled a great part of the day. The following is our register of the thermometer :—

June 11	Thursday	82 degrees.
„ 12	Friday	84 „
„ 13	Saturday	82 „
„ 15	Monday	78 „

—*Observer, June* 16.

MADRAS.

IT is rumoured that the Office of the Director of Revenue Settlement will shortly be abolished, and that the saving effected by its abolition will be appropriated towards the further payment out of imposition now before Government for the improvement of the Judicial branch of the Covenanted Service in the Mofussil, according to a plan mooted long ago.

We hope to be able to give particulars in a day or two.—*Athenæum and Statesman, June* 12.

FOR the past two or three days a strong rumour has been current at the Presidency, reviving the old story of the transfer of Mysore to the Rajah, and it is even affirmed that the approaching departure of Sir William Denison is more or less connected with the subject. What tends to lend an air of probability to the story is, that the *whole* of the Governor's Body Guard under command of Major MacGregor, have been order to proceed about the end of next week, direct to Mysore, there to await His Excellency's arrival. This is rather a significant circumstance, since it has never hitherto been the habit with any of our Governors, that an escort from the Presidency should accompany them in their tours.—*Id.*

* PROFESSIONAL PAPERS ON INDIAN ENGINEERING.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

LETTER from Major J. G. Medley, R.E., Principal, Thomason College, Roorkee, to Secretary to Government of India, Public Works Department, with Governor General, dated 19th March 1863, No. 1,022.

1. I beg to forward copy of a Circular which I propose, with the sanction of Government, to send to all Officers likely to assist in the scheme therein propounded.

2. The want of a series of professional papers for Indian Engineers, Civil and Military, has so long been acknowledged that it is needless to enlarge upon it ; and without Government's assistance, it does not seem easily feasible to supply that want. I would not propose, however, to make it entirely a Government scheme. It will, I hope, be pecuniarily self-supporting, and what is now sought for, is merely permission to publish such Official Papers or parts of them as may be supplied at the discretion of the Supreme and Local Governments on subjects connected with Engineering and likely to be useful to the profession.

3. It has also been suggested to me that, to stimulate the supply of original matter, Government might be disposed to offer annual premiums (honorary or pecuniary) for the best papers on certain subjects. If this can be done, the expense to Government will be trifling, the benefit directly to the profession and indirectly to Government very great, and I would venture to recommend its adoption very strongly.

4. A specific proposal in accordance with the above, can be submitted if desired. Meanwhile, I beg the favour of an intimation being recorded to me, issuing the enclosed Circular, and of a promise being given that Official Papers shall be supplied as often as possible.

CIRCULAR.

It has long been a matter of regret, that no means exist of recording from time to time the experience of Officers of the Engineering Department in India, for the benefit of their contemporaries or successors.

It is, in fact, not merely a subject of regret, but of serious inconvenience, that is almost daily felt by those engaged in Indian Public Works, whilst year by year, Officers of high attainments leave the country, carrying with them their experience of the past and their projects for the future, which are alike lost to Government and the public.

The peculiarities of Indian Engineering have greatly increased this inconvenience. It is not often easy to procure Professional Books at all ; and when procured, they are too often found inapplicable to Indian specialities. The difficulties and delays in travelling render it generally impossible for an Engineer to consult *viva voce* with others, while he is obliged to undertake a large amount of subordinate miscellaneous work, which elsewhere would be made over to Contractors, making it peculiarly desirable that, in spite of all the above difficulties, he should have a certain acquaintance with almost every branch of the profession.

It is, moreover, not a little mortifying that of the Great Works that have been executed in this country, with scanty means and in the face of extraordinary difficulties, so few records exist, that even to the professional public the very names of the works* are all but unknown. This applies to Military Engineering quite as much as, or even more so, than to Civil Engineering ; and this is still more to be regretted at the present time, when the separate existence of the three Corps of Indian Engineers has just been terminated. One praiseworthy exception, there has been to this neglect in the Madras series of Professional Papers, which appears, however, to have lately ceased.

It is unnecessary to investigate the causes which have led to the above deficiency. Some of them at least it is believed no longer exist, and it is thought that an attempt may now be made to start on a proper footing, a series of Professional Papers on Indian Engineering to which Military, Departmental, Railway, and other Engineers, should be invited to contribute. This series would contain.—1st.—Original papers descriptive of works actually executed or in progress in any part of India. 2nd.—*Official documents, reports, projects, and the like, which Government may place at the Editor's disposal for publication.* 3rd.—Papers on original professional subjects or on scientific subjects bearing on the profession. 4th. —Original designs and projects. 5th.—Occasional translations and reprints of articles of importance, which are not generally accessible to the Indian Engineer.

The numbers of this series would be issued from time to time as they were ready at a certain price to subscribers only, and afterwards to the general public at an enhanced rate.

The object of this Circular is to ascertain what amount of assistance, both literary and pecuniary, can be looked for from different individuals, when a definite application will be made for Government support, and arrangements concluded for issuing the first number of the series. Meanwhile, the undersigned will be happy to register the names of subscribers, and to take charge of any MSS. that may be entrusted to him for publication in the first or succeeding numbers.

The following is the estimate of the probable cost and receipts for an average number :—

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Libraries and the General Public	100
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Total	400

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J. G. MEDLEY, Major, R. E.
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Thomason College, Roorkee, March 1863.

From Lieutenant Colonel R. Strachey, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, with the Governor General, to the Principal of the Thomason College, Roorkee.

1. Your letter No. 1,022 of 19th March, regarding the publication of a series of professional papers on Indian Engineering, to be aided by gifts of official documents, and recommending that annual premiums be offered by Government for the best papers on certain subjects, having been laid before His Excellency the Governor General, I am directed to inform you that His Excellency sees no objection to the issue of the proposed Circular, and that the Government of India will readily authorize the transmission to you of such professional papers from among the records of the Public Works Department, or from those of the Local Governments, as it may be deemed expedient to publish, for publication in the proposed work.

2. As regards the question of the offer of premiums, I am to remark that His Excellency, though disposed to view the proposal with favour, is desirous to see what degree of support the projected undertaking receives from the profession and the public, before giving any positive pledge on behalf of the Government.

Madras.	Oudh.	Copy of the above, and of Major Medley's letter and Circular, forwarded to the Local Governments and Administrations marginally noted, for information and guidance.
Bombay.	Central Provinces.	
Bengal.	British Burmah.	
N. W. P.	Hyderabad.	
Punjab.	Mysore.	
Straits.		

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NEILGHERRY.

THE WEATHER.—The south-west monsoon has been setting in during the past week with much mildness. Sufficient rain has however fallen to render the evenings and nights delightfully cool, and a pair of blankets in bed are rather a luxury than otherwise. Now will commence that dreadful plague, known as the Dhoby infliction, and last but not whitest next at the least. The fleas too appear to delight in tormenting people at this season of the year, coming into the houses in thousands for the double purpose of escaping the wet, and supporting their own existence on human vitality. These brutes, you might by dint of persevering search, arrest, and crush, but the Dhobies—who shall deliver us from them ?—*Excelsior, June* 11.

THE REVENUE SURVEY AND SETTLEMENT OF MADRAS.

(*From the Neilgherry Excelsior, June* 11).

ABOUT the most useful, as well as equitable measure adopted by the Madras Government, was the institution of a Revenue Survey and Settlement for the Presidency. Before any attempt was made to ascertain correctly the extent of land under cultivation, and the descriptions of soil of which it was composed, both the Government and the Agricultural population were exposed to many disadvantages. On the one side, Revenue was perhaps collected on a small amount of territory than was actually under cultivation, and on the other, a higher rate of taxation was probably paid than the productiveness of many villages would bear. It may be also, that upon the latter point, the Government lost considerably from an under estimate of the fruitfulness of more than one district, for under the old regime, the Sheristadar was the Assessor, and we know that not a few of the functionaries of this class were not over scrupulous in their procedure. Under the Revenue Survey and Settlement system however, all these evils have been remedied. The Government knows exactly the area and qualities of the lands from which its largest revenue is derived, and the ryot contributes no more to the resources of the State than is strictly consistent with the results of his labor. Upon these principles, the seven and a half lakhs spent in gaining so much valuable information, and dispensing ordinary, if not absolute justice, must be considered very money well laid out. The Report from which we write tells us, that the Settlement introduced into the Godavery District was "explained to the Ryots." However this class of Indian cultivators may need such explanation, it will not be long before the unquestionable benefit of the measure becomes self-apparent. Native agriculturists will soon see that their interests are materially forwarded, and any slight doubt or temporary dissatisfaction, will yield to after convictions of the substantial good which is designed to bestow upon them. If we understand rightly, it is that this great boon to the native cultivating population has not been more extensive in its application, although the Revenue Survey and Settlement Department has not been idle in its operations. In the course of the official year 1861-62, 9,922 square miles of surface were *demarced*, 3,911 miles *classified*, and 4,448 *surveyed*. 1,910 miles of demarcation, and 344 miles of classification were in progress when the Report was issued. The Districts which formed the arena of operations were the Godavery, Kistna, Nellore, Kurnool, Salem, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, and the Wynaad, in most, if not the whole of these, the "Settlement" was partial, but the Report tells us of proposals having been submitted to the Board of Revenue, which will soon decide the rates of taxation on which they will be brought. In the Wynaad, "678 fields were investigated, of which 482 were registered up to 31st October 1861, when the work was discontinued under the orders of Government dated 21st idem." The Report subsequently says, that "the Government decided in their Proceedings of 28th March last, that the Assessment on the dry lands in the Wynaad should be 2 Rupees per acre, being the same as that fixed for Coffee Estates." A very remarkable feature in this Report is, that *Coimbatore*, always considered one of the most productive districts in the Madras Presidency, was least attended to, and appears really to contain much miserable forest, which characterises the proceedings of the Madras Government generally. "The operations in Coimbatore," it is observed, "were carried on at intervals, during those periods when the employment of the field parties in the Wynaad was rendered impracticable owing to the unhealthy season. The area accomplished was therefore necessarily small. This remark applies to the Survey as well as to the Settlement operations." Now, the combined land Revenue of Coimbatore and Malabar, in which the Wynaad taluk is situated, was Rs. 39,04,350, whilst that of the other districts named was as follows :

Godavery	Rs.	31,86,653
Kistna	„	30,14,035
Nellore	„	19,67,372
Kurnool	„	14,97,185
Salem	„	23,20,381
Trichinopoly	„	15,35,110

But there has been a decrease of Rs. 2,49,455, in the revenue of Coimbatore, in consequence, as we were told lately, of a smaller growth of Cotton. Taking the ordinary revenue of Coimbatore throughout, and adding it to the revenue of Malabar, the aggregate is considerably more than the Revenue of Salem and Trichinopoly put together, and very nearly that of Nellore and Kurnool. Yet, the Government could not make such an arrangement as would have rendered Coimbatore and the Wynaad independent of each other, but must needs clog the larger and more important of the two districts in a manner to postpone its Survey and Settlement, prejudicially, as we think, to the public interests. When Coimbatore has been thoroughly surveyed, and the tax upon the land definitely settled, native Cotton growers will probably find it to their advantage to resume an extensive growth of this staple. But the Government in the meantime suffers a serious loss from a penny wise and pound foolish principle.

* The following works may be enumerated besides many others.—The Grand Trunk Road; Lahore and Peshawur Road; Simla, Huzara, and other Hill Roads ; the Calcutta Mint ; the E. and W. Jumna Canals ; the Baree Doab Canal ; (until quite lately) the Ganges Canal ; the Godavery Works ; the Mhaiwara Tanks ; the Alipada Lighthouse ; the Great Trigonometrical Survey ; the Cashmere and other Topographical Surveys ; the Revenue Survey.

In Military Works, the Forts of Moultan, of Delhi, and Lucknow ; the Military Survey of the North-West Frontier ; the Fortifications and Tanks of Aden, besides numerous others.

Of the numerous able and important projects and reports, or rules for wear of Canals ; and now moulding amongst the old Military Board archives, scarcely one has been rescued from oblivion.

The above applies to works chiefly executed by the three Corps of Indian Military Engineers, but nearly the same observations apply to those already executed, or still in hand, on the various Indian Railways, not inferior in magnitude and difficulty to the greatest World in Europe and America.

MR. GLADSTONE'S SPEECH ON TAXING CHARITIES.

(*From the Times, May* 7.)

No one, we believe, regrets that Mr. Gladstone failed in his attempt to extract 250,000*l.* a year out of the Charities. The proposition jarred upon the humane feeling of the country. We could not have said "*Non olet*" to money thus raised. To excuse a class from paying Income Tax on account of their property and then to impose the Income Tax upon the Charity which is, or ought to be the alleviation of a much lower grade of poverty, is a paradox which could only have commended itself to a mind so subtle and ingenious as that of our great financier. To put a tax upon all charity funds and to defend it upon the ground that some charity funds are misappropriated, was a rhetorical enterprise which wounded common feeling even more than it shocked common sense. It was a blunder, and it became the more conspicuous as a blunder the more brilliantly it was embellished by Mr. Gladstone's eloquence.

But, after all, how much truth there is in that bold and brilliant speech ! With what energy does the angry orator tear away the veil which hides the fraud and hypocrisy of the bulk of our miscalled Charities ! With what well-directed scorn does he cover the "pious memory" of those generous testators who indulged their malignity or their vanity at the expense of their surviving relatives ! Mr. Gladstone has thrown a stone at a very old superstition. He has done it in his anger, and he has done it for a purpose which failed ; but the good effect will remain when the transient occasion of his onslaught is forgotten. The "beneficent Founder," under the criticism which Mr. Gladstone has been among the first to direct upon him, will be henceforth shorn of many of the glories which were wont to encompass him at charity dinners and annual celebrations. The "intentions of the Founder," which have been spoken of with such reverent respect by legislators, and which were sought for by Judges with such industrious care, are likely at no very distant time to be thought scarcely worth inquiring about, and very little to be regarded if discovered. Mr. Gladstone has lighted a train of inquiry which threatens to upset many fallacies upon this subject. He points already to the conclusion that deathbed legacies of charitable doles are legacies of evil ; that to "die and endow a college, or a cat," is not a fair passport to fame ; and he has suggested the startling suspicion that if the Charity Commissioners, instead of being sedulously kept powerless, as they now are, were to be employed in confiscating four-fifths of the existing Charities, they would do an enormous amount of good. Mr. Gladstone is unanswerable when he throws how many "beneficent Founders" have succeeded in founding nothing but preserves of paupers and sanctuaries for sloth. If we may accept his picture of Jarvis's Charity, old Mr. Jarvis, who left 100,000*l.* for the poor of three Herefordshire parishes, might as well have founded a University for all the vices. Mr. Gladstone describes these three parishes as a district from which industry is banished, to which all the idle and worthless of the neighbouring country flock, and where the morals are of a character which he is forbidden to describe. The pious memory of old Jarvis is no doubt still drunk at his Charity dinners at Hereford ; but Mr. Gladstone tells us that Mr. Gladstone says that the Trustees of Jarvis's Charity have done the best they could to neutralize the evils bequeathed to his neighbourhood by this benevolent founder. They have dissipated about one-third of his money in doing what Mr. Jarvis expressly forbade them to do, and have to that extent rendered the Charity innocuous. So, also, Mr. Gladstone is unanswerable when he attacks the conventional reverence for the "valuable" Charities of Bristol. Quoting the authority of the Education Commissioners of 1861, he says :—

"These Charities by their operation are teaching indolence, mendicancy, servility, and falsehood to the poor of Bristol, almost as effectually as industry, the love of independence, and veracity can be taught by means of the fund which the State supplies in aid of the Bristol schools."

Of Colston's Charity at Canterbury Mr. Gladstone, citing the same report, says :—

"There were 500 persons receiving relief from this Charity, and as to 113 of these the Commissioners could obtain no information, but of the remainder there are 145, of whom they give the following account :—There are 51 persons in good employment, not needing relief ; 36 paupers, 18 occasional paupers, 18 drunkards, 17 bad characters, four brothel keepers, and one convicted felon."

We will not follow Mr. Gladstone in his denunciations of those charitable doles which are dependent upon attendance at church. They do, no doubt, as he says, "approximate to a sort of spiritual "bribery," and have an evil influence upon the tone of the population, generating falsehood and hyprocrisy. Nor would we be understood to second the impetuous rhetorician when he carries his war even among the endowed grammar schools which have done so much for scholarship and raised so many great men from the ranks of the people. Dryden Coleridge might have sufficed, we think, to save the Bluecoat School from the sneers of a prosperous man, whose way through Eton and Christ Church was strewed with rose leaves. The case, however, against the deathbed Founders of Charitable doles is complete. Well do the Education Commissioners say and appropriately does Mr. Gladstone repeat :—

"The hand of living charity is held out only to present need ; it promises no periodical alms to indolence and improvidence ; it more frequently excites jealousy and ill-feeling than godwill, both on the part of the recipients towards the distributors of the charity, and among the recipients themselves. For one person who receives substantial benefit from these doles many feel their demoralizing effect."

This does not prove that all Charities ought to be taxed, but it proves that such charitable funds ought to be made the agents of a really useful charity. It proves that the Founders have no claim upon our gratitude—for they gave only what they could not keep—and that their intentions should be no fetters upon our action in applying those sums to a wholesome purpose. The power of a testator is declared by our law to extend only, after a certain specified time, to designate who shall take the property he leaves. This is common sense, and ought to be applied to Charities as to private bequests. It is true that this principle is creeping in gradually. The Charity Commission, utterly powerless in its commencement, has lately received some extension of powers, and is now doing a little good. By the last Report we observe that they have ventured to propose three schemes for the application and management of three Charities, and that they have given "advice" to 50 others. We have not a word to say against this Commission. It is not their fault that Parliament has left them almost impotent for good. Parliament has hung the "intentions of the Founder" round their neck, and fettered them by the condition that they are not to act in any important matter unless called in by the very trustees whom they were appointed to check or castigate. We hope that Mr. Gladstone will not forget this subject when the momentary excitement is past. A real Charity Commission, with real powers, is a great necessity. Subject to the control of Parliament exercised by the confirmation of their orders, they should have absolute power over all funds now misapplied ; and their jurisdiction might be very usefully extended to the auditorship of all charitable funds of every description. The true moral of all Mr. Gladstone's striking facts is, not that we should tax our Charities, endowed or unendowed, but that we should make them do the work of real charity.

THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE LONDON STAGE.

(*From the Examiner, May* 9.)

WE pass from the Olympic to the Adelphi, a house long distinguished as the home of the best class of melodramas. Here again we have to point out how much just is the common impression which lays on the actors all the blame of the unsatisfactory condition of the London Stage. When we have travelled the round of the chief theatres and observed what are the facts with which we have to deal, it may appear, as we pursue the discussion, that we look less to the public than to the profession itself for the remedy of hurts to its own wholesome influence. But how to lead the public in the way it ought to go will be the question ; there is no question at all of the good will in that direction of all actors who bear credit in their calling. The best actor exercising his delightful art upon material that will bring all his subtlest powers into use,—although, indeed, it is his ill-fortune to work in the most transient material, that cannot survive except in memory the moment of its full expression,—he does as true an artist as the poet or the painter or the sculptor, and even more worthy than these are of immediate repute since that alone is his reward. The sculptor, painter, poet, misunderstood in his own time, leaves his work to do him right. The actor's labour is for ever lost. It miss instant recognition. The public owes, therefore, for its own sake and for common justice generous attention to the stage ; not, indeed, the disdainful inattentive generosity that shames an honourable profession and drives many a good-actor almost to despair by confounding good and bad under the same form of empty, superficial praise: it must be true attention although generous. Nothing, on the other hand, can be more unfair than to turn with a shrug from the too often humiliating list of an evening's performances at all the theatres, to say lightly that the stage is ruined, and thereupon make merit of withdrawing all attention from the players. The better the stage the better the town. It the stage were what it ought to be, and what good actors heartily desire to make it, it would teach the public to appreciate what is most worthy also in the sister arts ; more demand, for example, would be made for men of genius able to mark with original thought and fancy many a bright gap in the eternal rows of common-places for the twenty thousandth time repeated on the walls, say of the Royal Academy. Mr. Webster, the manager of the Adelphi, the ordinary revenue of Coimbatore throughout, and adding it to the revenue of Malabar, the aggregate is considerably more than the Revenue of Salem and Trichinopoly put together, and very nearly that of Nellore and Kurnool. Yet, the Government could not make such an arrangement as would have rendered Coimbatore and the Wynaad independent of each other, but must needs clog the larger and more important of the two districts in a manner to postpone its Survey and Settlement, prejudicially, as we think, to the public interests. When Coimbatore has been thoroughly surveyed, and the tax upon the land definitely settled, native Cotton growers will probably find it to their advantage to resume an extensive growth of this staple. But the Government in the meantime suffers a serious loss from a penny wise and pound foolish principle.

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THE HORSES OF THE SAHARA.

(*From the Spectator, May* 9.)

THIS is a very singular, but very delightful book, and one which touches a vast variety of chords. It may appear strange that the sublimest natural poetry of the world should have clustered round the desert, while the gorgeous luxuriance of the tropical world should have left the mind a comparative blank, or distorted it into monstrous, misshapen thought. Can it be that the ideal, as distinguished from the purely intellectual, activity, varies inversely with the multitude of the surrounding objects ? Some of the greatest poetry of the world has been produced in captivity. Bodily confinement, for a time at least, intensifies all our ideas. In a similar manner, the comparative paucity of objects in the desert may have led to the richness and sublimity of the Eastern poetry, by condensing ardent thought upon comparatively few outward objects. For richness in poetry consists not in the multitude of objects passed in review, but in the multitude of thoughts springing out of one object. Again the Oriental hyperbole itself, in its very sublimity seems to arise partly from the diminished opportunity for comparison and criticism, being the only school of exactness—and partly from the apparent immensity of the desert. Woman, the horse, the camel, and the lion, are, and for ages have been, the chief objects of the Arab's contemplation. Add to this the burning desert, the shining heavens, a life at once monotonous and yet of daily peril and adventure, the desolation, the grandeur, the sense of power, and we seem to have a key to the whole monotheistic poetry of the East, if not in its actual birth, at least in that form in which it is historically known to us.

In the volume before us, translated in fine manly English, from the French by Mr. James Hutton, we have side by side the results of the sixteen years' experience of a French cavalry officer, and the commentaries and speculations of the now greyhaired Abd-el-Kader. On one hand we have the shrewd, matter-of-fact, highly civilized European, pursuing the inquiries of a military stud groom with a keen, cold eye to the science of French glory, yet stooping to pluck the blossoms of Oriental poetry with military *Bonhommie*, as we stoop to pick up flowers, no doubt congratulating himself on his extra-official capacity to pursue an *etude du genre* on the other the hoary Emir beguiled into pouring out the legendary lore of his ancestors in language sublime as that of our Bible, with the dignity and sweetness of a veteran, aloof from the hereditary absence of fear, and grave from the hereditary habit of danger, yet with the unconscious simplicity throughout of large-eyed hereditary childhood. Such a book cannot fail to produce in the mind of the reader a quaint, and almost melancholy, but not unpleasing, mirage of associations between the East and West, the old and new, the natural and artificial, the changeable and the seemingly eternal and unchangeable.

How the acute and sceptical Frenchman succeeded in drawing from the jealous bosom of the Arab Emir the hidden treasures of his memory, and poetry, without ruffling his simple faith, is a puzzle ; but that he did it, this volume sufficiently proves. "Praise be to the one God !" says Abd-el-Kader, "to Him who remains ever the same amidst the revolutions of this world." We seem, as we read, to be breathing the unchangeable desert. The Arab speaks, indeed of the revolutions of this world, but to him they are the gyrations of an outer universe, of which the desert, vast, and, to him, illimitable, is the immutable and burning centre. He speaks of political revolutions as we speak of the revolutions of the moon round the earth, or of the earth round the sun. We know by induction and faint experience that those revolutions exist ; but to us the centre of the world is our own speck of sand, so is the desert to the Arab chief. "You ask me," he proceeds, "for information as to the origin of the Arab horse." Here follows an Arab compliment full of grace and poetry. "You are like unto a fissure in a land dried up by the sun and which no amount of rain, however abundant, will ever be able to satisfy." These Arabs seem once upon a time to have lived in heaven somewhere, and tasted the courtesy of angels. What is time to them ? They can afford to stop and be gracious. Their compliments are not likely to be accused of design. "Know then, that among us it is admitted that Allah created the horse out of the wind, as he created Adam out of the mud." "Among *us*,"—he says politely,—not that he had any doubt in his own mind, but that he wrote to his friend, and did not dream to browbeat him whom he invested with that first of titles. He immediately adds "This cannot be questioned. Several prophets—peace be with them !—have proclaimed it." There is something very noble and touching in the words "*as* He created Adam out of the mud," and he said "with," instead of "*in*," a caravan would have been implied, which is entirely absent. The devotion of the Arab to the horse has a faint reminiscence of the Egyptian adoration of the animal world, but purified of the mystery and grossness, and raised to the rank of a mysterious, but intelligent, gratitude. It is as if he had said, "The horse is my best earthly friend. True, I am the superior creature. So Allah willed it. But I should be little enough without him. Honour to whom honour is due. I was created out of the mud, but thou wert created out of the wind." "Do you wish to know," he asks, "if Allah created the horse before man, or if He created man before

Government in not strengthening the army of General Johnston by such large reinforcements as would make the issue of the impending battle "beyond a peradventure." It is to an ordinary spectator inconceivable how on both sides the policy of a Neapolitan concentration of troops has been neglected and overlooked. It is known that many of the wisest heads in the Confederacy, and among them General Joseph E. Johnston, have warmly advocated the concentration of all available troops in Southern Tennessee, even though Texas and Arkansas should be left destitute of men, and the defenders of Vicksburg should be reduced one half. *Nos ita Dis placuit.* For some inscrutable reason the strength of the Confederacy is frittered away by squandering troops in insignificant numbers over vast areas of territory, and by provoking such attacks as recently led to the surrender of more than 4,000 Confederates at a place called Arkansas Post. The consequence is that war languishes on without any victory being gained by the Confederates in the West of such magnitude as to confound the mendacity of Northern journalists, or to strengthen the hands of that large and growing party in the North-western States who see that out of the vast ocean of blood which irreconcilably divides the two nations it is not possible that peace and conciliation should have a chance of arising.

If ever these words should meet the eye of the English public they will be read at a moment when for more than two full years the whole strength of the Free States of the old Union will have been lavishly exerted to beat down the resistance of the Slave States, and will have been exerted in vain. Isolated from all direct communication with the external world, misrepresented and slandered by the ingenious sophistries of Mr. Seward, admitted to no intercourse with the Foreign-office of Great Britain, bitterly reviled and execrated by Mr. Bright and all the organs which echo the clamour of Exeter-hall, the Confederate States have, nevertheless, won for themselves the respect of all who hold matchless valour in honour, and thrill with electric sympathy at the thought that the stubborn energy of their resistance stamps them as what they claim to be—blood of England's blood and bone of her bone. The confident and military language of the Northern press and statesmen has dwindled into a feeble expression of hope that starvation will accomplish what force of arms has attempted in vain, while from the whole of united Europe ascends a voice proclaiming that the subjugation of the Confederate States is an idle dream. Still recognition of their independence, or such moral intervention of diplomacy as could not fail to command attention at Washington, and to stop an effusion of blood which scandalizes civilization and outrages humanity, is stubbornly denied to them, and the whole strength of the North continues to be hopelessly exerted to attain an object which Europe by her silence, encourages them to believe that she deems them not incapable of attaining. It is not in the vain expectation that any words of mine will assist in moving England from her attitude of passiveness that I now write; but in the belief that the very pride and vanity of the North forbid her taking the initiative in recognizing the South. I venture to ask whether England has maturely weighed the consequences of abstaining from the use of her moral influence in stopping this sanguinary war. I decline to search for precedents for inaction with "Historicus" when inaction commends itself to the instinct of every thoughtful man by its material advantages; but there are moments when the moral responsibilities of nations at the head of civilization outweigh material considerations, and such a moment is undoubtedly at hand. Where is there on the Continent of Europe an intelligent human being who thinks that the thousands of lives which are about to swell the vast aggregate of the last two years of slaughter will produce the slightest change in the present attitude of the two sections? How, then, will posterity regard England and France if, without a murmur of remonstrance from them, this great sea of unnecessary blood is poured forth like water when it is incontestably in their power to stop it by a word?

It is said that because New Orleans and Nashville are in the Federal grasp Southern independence cannot be recognized by Europe. Was it any bar to the recognition of American independence by France that Philadelphia, New York, Charleston, and other leading cities were in British possession? Why sophisticate as to the mode of recognition? When, in 1820, Henry Clay was warmly arguing in the House of Representatives at Washington in favour of the recognition of the South American provinces, he did not enumerate the particular States whose independence he acknowledged. His answer was remarkable:—

"Suppose the French Minister had asked of Benjamin Franklin what number of States he represented? 'Thirteen, no please you,' Franklin would have replied. 'But, Mr. Franklin, will you tell me if Pennsylvania, whose capital is in possession of the British, be one of them? What would Dr. Franklin have answered?"

Two years earlier, speaking in favour of the recognition by the American Republic of the same Spanish provinces, whose independence Mr. Canning was eventually the first to acknowledge, Henry Clay laid down arguments which he little thought would ever be quoted against his own darling Republic.

"I maintain that an oppressed and dissatisfied people are authorized, whenever they can, to rise and break their fetters. This was the great principle of the English revolution. It was the great principle of our own. Vattel, if authority were wanting, expressly supports this right. Our revolution was mainly directed against the mere theory of tyranny. We had suffered comparatively but little, we had in some respects been kindly treated, but our intrepid and intelligent fathers saw in the usurpation of power to levy an inconsiderable tax the long train of oppression that was to follow. They rose, they breasted the storm, they achieved our freedom. I am not propagandists. I would not force upon other nations our liberty if they do not want it. But if an abused and oppressed people will their freedom if they seek to establish it, we have a right, as a sovereign Power, to notice the fact, and to act as our interest requires. Moreover, if Spanish America be entitled to success from the justice of her cause, we have no less reason to wish her success from the horrible character which the Royal arms have given to the war. He who has looked into the history of the conduct of this war is constantly shocked at the revolting scenes it portrays—at the refusal to treat, on the part of the Royalists, on any terms with the other side at the outrage of women, the violation of flags, the investigation of slaves to rise against their owners; at acts of wanton and useless barbarity. All will naturally next inquire what course of policy it becomes us to adopt. I answer, one of strict and impartial neutrality. It is not necessary for their interests or expedient for our own that we should take part in the war. It is compatible with this neutrality, I am inspired by it, that we should recognize any established Government, if such there be, in South America. Recognition alone, without aid, is no just cause of war. There is no common tribunal among nations to pronounce upon the sovereignty of a new State. Each Power does and must judge for itself. It is an attribute of sovereignty so to judge. A nation in exerting this incontestable right does no part in the war. It gives neither men, ships, nor money. It merely pronounces that so far as it may be necessary to institute any relations, or to support any intercourse with the new Power, that Power is capable of maintaining those relations and authorizing that intercourse. In our own revolution it was not until after France had given us aid, and determined to enter into a treaty of alliance with us, that England declared war against her. Holland also, was charged by England with favouring our cause, and deviating from the line of strict neutrality. And when it was perceived that she also was about to enter into a treaty with us England declared war. Even if it were shown that a haughty and powerful nation like England had made war on the ground of a mere recognition, the single example would not alter the public law or shake the strength of a clear principle. But what has been our uniform practice? We have constantly proceeded on the principle that a Government *de facto* is what we can alone notice. So far as we are concerned the Sovereign *de facto* is the Sovereign *de jure*. Our own revolution stands on the basis of the right of a people, when on apparently capricious grounds, to change their rulers. I do not maintain that every immature revolution, every tumult, before his power is consolidated, is to be acknowledged by us; but that, when the stability and order are maintained, no matter by whom, we always have considered, and ought to consider, the actual as the true Government. General Washington, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Madison, all, while respectively Presidents, acted on these principles."

In mercy to the reader I forbear further quotations from the speech in question, and from another in favour of Greek independence, delivered by Mr. Clay in 1824. Every line of these speeches, every sentiment that they breathe, proves that the policy of the traditional American Union has been to hold out a hand swiftly to all struggling nationalities, and to do upon very slight grounds of justification that which they so deprecate Europe's doing when justice, humanity, and reason call for her interference in trumpet tones. Can it be pretended that stability and order have not been maintained in the Confederacy since its secession? In a residence of six months, in journeys thoughout the length and breadth of the Southern States, I have encountered but two Unionists, Mr. Pettigrew, of Charleston (who was sorely shaken in his faith before his death a few weeks ago), and Mr. John Minor Botts, of Virginia, who is unmolested and left at liberty, though utterly disloyal to the Confederacy. Again, can it be pretended that this war has been so conducted by the Federals as to win the sympathy of England to their cause? The tale of its atrocities will some day be told, and if anywhere during the last 100 years so black a page of blunder and cupidity, and ravage, and outrage of defenceless women can be shown, it has not yet been my fortune to light upon it. These things are told to prosperous and thoughtless England, and produce as little impression as did the massacres of Nopoy outrages in this once happy country. But here on the spot, face to face with persons who repeat to you incidents far too horrible and shocking for publication, and bring such evidence of the truth of their report as to exhort belief from the most incredulous, it would be strange if the lowest depths of a man's nature were not explored with "a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation."

The growing frequency and boldness of the skirmishes which the enterprise of Confederate cavalry officers in the West has lately brought on, give indication of the approach of that desperate battle in the West which nothing but the tenacity of the mud in Tennessee has so long deferred. It will probably have transpired, in spite of the distorting haze through which the truth has to percolate, that recently General Van Dorn pounced down upon a Federal post at Franklin in Tennessee, and carried away with him 2,200 prisoners. On the 26th inst. General Forrest attacked a Federal garrison at Brentwood, nine miles south of Nashville, destroyed the railroad which connects Nashville with Columbia, and walked away with 900 prisoners and 35 officers, and a large supply of stores. Brentwood lies 20 miles to the rear of General Rosecrans' advanced pickets, and that able general takes no pains to conceal his mortification at these raids of the enemy within his lines. It is probable that the advance which he seems desirous of undertaking by the route of Columbia will be delayed by General Forrest's handiwork. It is strange that in the exchange of prisoners the balance should, as regards rank and file, be largely in favour of the Confederates; as regards officers, slightly in favour of the Federals. The Confederates have taken nearly 15,000 more privates than they have lost; the Federals have an excess of about 150 officers in their power. I have not verified the explanation which is given in the Federal papers of this fact by the occasional capture of a Confederate officer with a Federal officer in his custody. The one will cancel the other.

THE NATURALIST ON THE RIVER AMAZONS.

(From the Examiner, May 9.)

The Naturalist on the River Amazons. A Record of Adventures, Habits of Animals, Sketches of Brazilian and Indian Life, and Aspects of Nature under the Equator, during Eleven Years of Travel. By Henry Henry Walter Bates. Two Volumes. Murray.

SINCE the days when Southey delighted our youth by discoursing—at second hand—of the marvels of the Brazilian forests, we have met with no such book as that of Mr. Bates, which possesses the immeasurable advantage over the historian's eloquent pages of being the fruit of personal experience, set forth with the greatest care, after years of the closest and most patient observation. His work possesses numberless merits, and conspicuous amongst them are simplicity of style and a complete absence of exaggeration, qualities which at once commend it to the reader and bespeak his confidence. Mr. Bates' volumes are as truthful as a seaman's log and, at the same time, as interesting as a romance. It was as far back as the year 1847 that Mr. Wallace, the well-known naturalist, proposed to the author a joint expedition to the river Amazons, for the purpose of exploring the Natural History of its banks; and the plan of their operations being finally settled, they proceeded thither early in the following year. The literary consequence of the expedition on the part of Mr. Wallace, who remained in the country four years, was a narrative of his voyage under the title of "Travels on the Amazons and Rio Negro;" while on that of Mr. Bates, who prolonged his stay seven years, the work before us is the satisfactory result. With what effect Mr. Bates laboured in his vocation may be inferred from an approximate enumeration which he makes of the total number of species of the various classes which he obtained during his residence of eleven years in the regions bordering the Amazons. The list runs as follows: Mammals, 52; Birds, 360; Reptiles, 140; Fishes, 120; Insects, 14,000; Molusks, 35; and Zoophytes, 5; making a grand total of 14,712. Of these 8,000 species were new to science. In describing a work like this, that which relates to the natural history of the country must almost exclusively occupy us, though other features of Mr. Bates's volumes possess very great attractions; we shall, therefore, confine our extracts to the author's own "specialty." His first walk ashore, after arriving at Pará, fitly prepares the reader for the wondrous scenery which lines the banks of the "father of rivers" for thousands of miles. After passing through the suburbs of the city,

"The massive dark crowns of shady mangos were seen everywhere amongst the dwellings, amidst fragrant blossoming orange, lemon, and many other tropical fruit trees; some in flower, others in fruit, at varying stages of ripeness. Here and there, shooting above the more dome-like and sombre trees, were the smooth columnar stems of palms, bearing aloft their magnificent crowns of finely-cut fronds. Amongst the latter the slim assai-palm was especially noticeable; growing in groups of four or five; its smooth, gently-curving stem, twenty to thirty feet high, terminating in a head of feathery foliage, inexpressibly light and elegant in outline. On the boughs of the taller and more ordinary-looking trees sat tufts of curiously-leaved parasites. Slender woody lianas hung in festoons from the branches, or were suspended in the form of cords and ribbons; whilst luxuriant creeping plants overran alike tree trunks, roofs and walls, or toppled over palings in copious profusion of foliage. The superb banana (Musa paradisiaca), of which I had always read as forming one of the charms of tropical vegetation, here grew with great luxuriance: its glossy velvety-green leaves, twelve feet in length, curving over the roofs of verandahs in the rear of every house. The shape of the leaves, the varying shades of green which they present when lightly moved by the wind, and especially the contrast they afford in colour and form to the more sombre hues and more rounded outline of the other trees, are quite sufficient to account for the great effect which this glorious tree, in its native forests, must drew our attention at almost every step. Amongst them were the different kinds of Bromelia, or pine-apple plants, with their long, rigid, sword-shaped leaves, in some species jagged or toothed along their edges. Then there was the bread-fruit tree—an importation, it is true; but remarkable from its large, glossy, dark green strongly digitated foliage, and its interesting history. Many other trees and plants, curious in leaf, stem, or manner of growth, grew on the borders of the thickets along which lay our road; they were all attractive to new comers, whose last country ramble of quite recent date was over the bleak moors of Derbyshire on a sleety morning in April."

The number and beauty of the birds and insects in the immediate neighbourhood of Para did not, at first, equal the traveller's expectation, though small flocks of green and yellow parroquets and troops of hummingbirds plainly told of the locality, but they soon, like the insects especially, to have increased rapidly on further acquaintance. The butterflies, for instance, are nearly countless in their varieties, and the greater number of the most exquisite colours; but the most surprising insects are the leaf-carrying ants, which excavate galleries of extraordinary extent. They are so destructive in the Botanic Gardens at Para, that an enterprising French gardener tried to extirpate them by making fires over the main entrances to their colonies, and blowing the fumes of sulphur down their galleries by means of bellows; and an idea may be formed of the distance they had burrowed when Mr. Bates tells us that he saw the smoke issue from a great number of outlets, one of which was seventy yards from the place where the bellows were used. These intelligent but destructive creatures are thieves also, on a very large scale, in proof of which we transcribe the author:

"One night my servant woke me three or four hours before sunrise by calling out that the rats were robbing the farinha baskets. The article at that time was scarce and dear. I got up, listened, and found the noise was very unlike that made by rats. So I took the light and went into the store-room, which was close to my sleeping-place. I there found a broad column of Sauba ants, consisting of thousands of individuals, as busy as possible, passing to and fro between the door and my precious baskets. Most of them passing outwards were laden each with a grain of farinha, which was, in some cases, larger and many times heavier than the bodies of the carriers. Farinha consists of grains of similar size and appearance to the tapiocs of our shops; both are products of the same root, tapioca being the pure starch, and farinha the starch mixed with woody fibre, the latter ingredient giving it a yellowish colour. It was amusing to see some of the workers, in smaller numbers than the family, staggering along, completely hidden under their load. The baskets, which were on a high table were entirely covered with ants, many hundreds of whom were employed in snipping the dry leaves which served as lining. This produced the rustling sound which had at first disturbed us. My servant told me that they would carry off the whole contents of the two baskets (about two bushels) in the course of the night, if they were not driven off; so we tried to exterminate them by killing them with our wooden clogs. It was impossible, however, to prevent fresh hosts coming in as fast as we killed their companions. They returned the next night; and I was then obliged to lay trains of gunpowder along their line of march, and so blow them up."

Amongst the multitude of parasitic plants which are found in the illimitable forests near Para, that which is called the Sipo Matador, or the Murderer Liana, is the most extraordinary:

"The base of its stem would be unable to bear the weight of the upper growth; it is obliged, therefore, to support itself on a tree of another species. In this it is not essentially different from other climbing trees of the kind; but the manner in which it does so is peculiar, and produces certainly a disagreeable impression. It springs up close to the tree on which it intends to fix itself, and the wood of its stem grows by spreading itself like a plastic mould over one side of the trunk or its supporter. It then puts forth, from each side, an arm-like branch, which grows rapidly, and looks as though a stream of sap were flowing and hardening as it went. This adheres closely to the trunk of the victim and the two arms meet on the opposite side and blend together. These arms are put forth at somewhat regular intervals in mounting upwards, and the victim, when its strangler is full-grown, becomes tightly clasped by a number of inflexible rings. These rings gradually grow larger as the murderer flourishes, rearing its crown of foliage to the sky mingled with that of its neighbour, and in course of time they kill it by stopping the flow of its sap. The strange spectacle then remains of the selfish parasite clasping in its arms the lifeless and decaying body of its victim, which had been a help to its own growth. Its ends have been served—it has flowered and fruited, reproduced and disseminated its kind; and now, when the dead trunk moulders away, its own end approaches; its support is gone, and itself also falls."

The height and size of the trees in the Brazilian forests, as many travellers have already recorded, is one of their most notable features. Mr. Bates thus speaks of them:

"The general run of trees had not remarkably thick stems; the great and uniform height to which they grow without emitting a branch was a much more noticeable feature than their thickness; but at intervals of a furlong or so a veritable giant towered up. Only one of these monstrous trees can grow within a given space; it monopolises the domain, and none but individuals of much inferior size can find a footing near it. The cylindrical trunks of these larger trees were generally about twenty to twenty-five feet in circumference. A very remarkable feature in these trees is the growth of buttress-shaped projections around the lower part of their stems. The spaces between these buttresses, which are generally thin walls of wood, form spacious chambers, and may be compared to stalls in a stable: some of them are large enough to hold half-a-dozen persons. The purpose of these structures is as obvious, at the first glance, as that of the similar props of brickwork which support a high wall. They are not peculiar to one species, but are common to most of the larger forest trees. Their nature and manner of growth are explained when a series of young trees of different ages is examined. It is then seen that they are the roots which have raised themselves ridge-like out of the earth; growing gradually upwards as the increasing height of the tree required augmented support. Thus they are plainly intended to sustain the massive crown and trunk in these crowded forests, where lateral growth of the roots in the earth is rendered difficult by the multitude of competitors."

These trees have qualities, too, which are very remarkable,—the Massarandaba or Cow-tree, for example, that distils a juice from its bark which is an effective substitute for milk when used with coffee, but has a slight rankness when drunk pure. It soon thickens to a glue, which is excessively tenacious, and is often used to cement broken crockery. A decoction of the bark of this Massarandaba is employed as a red dye for cloth:

SHERIDAN ON THE FRENCH STAGE.

(From the Daily News.)

PARIS, MONDAY EVENING.

A YOUNG and hitherto almost unknown dramatist, M. Aylic Langlé, appears to have made one of the most decided hits that has been seen on the French boards for a very long time. I have not seen the play myself, but all the leading critics are in raptures about it, and exhaust the vocabulary of epithets in its praise. It is called *Un Homme de Rien*, and the subject is the early life and adventures of the author of the *School for Scandal*, which, as you will see from the following outline of the plot, are treated from a highly picturesque, and thoroughly French point of view:—

The scene of the first act is laid in the garden of a tavern at Richmond. Some races are coming off on the banks of the Thames, and a crowd of fashionable company is waiting to see them. Lord Spencer, the Duchess of Cardwell, the Marchioness of Portland, Commodore Dunbar, the Marquis de Champrosé, a French emigrant, and Dr. Marzius, a German physician who is always taking out his pocket book to make notes of British eccentricities, are promenading in the garden. Around them are specimens of racing low life. An Irishman is offering fighting cocks for sale. Susannah O'Donnor, a young and pretty Irish girl, has a basket of lace cuffs. Lord Spencer wants to buy a pair, but demands a kiss into the bargain. Lady Deborah Cardwell, a cousin of the duchess, is favourably impressed with the appearance of Susannah, and fee's disposed to give her something, but ultimately refrains, thinking it wicked to encourage an Irish woman and a papist. Presently a handsome young man, in the costume of a student, issues from the tavern garden and calls loudly for gin. Susannah, the lace girl, seeing that he is not an ordinary drunkard, takes compassion upon him, worms herself into his confidence, and reads him an edifying sermon on the evils of "blue ruin." Richard Sheridan (for he is the student's name), falls in love with the girl that after having carried off all possible honours at the University he finds himself starving in the streets of London; that he has written plays which managers will not accept, because he is unknown; and newspaper articles which editors refuse because they are too long and too seditious; and that he desires to drown his despair in strong drink. Susannah, who had probably kissed the Blarney stone, has an idea. She points out to her *protege* a stone bench called the "waiting seat," because jockeys on the lookout for an engagement are in the habit of sitting there, tells him to take his place on that seat, and, warrants that some good luck will happen to him. Sheridan takes her advice. In a few minutes he overhears a conversation between Commodore Dunbar and the Marquis de Champrose. They are boasting of their skill as marksmen. The marquis swears that he can bring down a pea with a single bullet not merely a swallow but a Maybug. The commodore rejoins that he once broke a pipe between the teeth of a Polynesian chief, who afterwards became his servant, and was in the habit of holding a pipe in his mouth for him to speak at. The marquis expresses himself incredulous about this feat, whereupon the commodore relies that he has unfortunately lost his Polynesian, but will bet 40*l.* that he will do the trick if any man can be found to stand up as a target. Here is the occasion which Susannah, who has overheard, offers to Sheridan. She springs forward, crying, "Where is the pipe?—I'm your man!" When the commodore gives him one, he contemptuously breaks off the bowl, as making the object to be fired at unreasonably long. The commodore hits the pipe at once. Sheridan's lips, he never stirs, moving a muscle, and the 40*l.*, to the great credit of the "waiting stone," is handed over then and there. The next incident is that the commodore's jockey being not forthcoming, the all accomplished Sheridan mounts his horse, and, of course, wins the race. A valuable diamond pin is the guerdon of his achievement. At this crisis, and while young Sheridan is receiving the congratulations of a group of new born admirers, the Duchess of Cardwell tears her sleeve in a thorn bush, and asks whether anybody has got a pin. Sheridan, forgetting his poverty, gallantly presents the rich jewel which he has just won. The duchess rather scornfully refuses to receive from him a thing of intrinsic value, whereupon he wrenches out the diamond and throws it into the river. The duchess smilingly accepts the now simple pin, and at this moment George, Prince of Wales, steps out of the tavern, taps Sheridan on the shoulder, and pays him a handsome compliment. The hero of the piece finishes the day in high glee, but inasmuch as he gives 2*l.* of his 40*l.* to the Irish cockfighter, and that his remaining 38*l.* is the clerk of the course, he is no richer than before. Consequently, for want of a bed he passes the night on the "waiting stone." The second act finds Sheridan at the height of his dramatic and literary reputation. He is protected by the duchess, who presents him to the Prince of Wales. His financial position is, however, little improved, and the duchess, knowing this sends him a present of 2,000*l.* "from an unknown friend." Sheridan divines the source of the gift, which he magnanimously refuses, and a sensation scene occurs, in which the Duchess throws the 2,000*l.* into the fire, eying, "You threw your diamond into the Thames; now we are quits." As the plot goes on we find that the Quaker cousin of the duchess, notwithstanding her horror of popery, takes the virtuous Susannah for her lady's maid, while Sheridan makes a body servant of Paddy, the cock-fighter. The duchess having arranged a grand soiree, at which she has promised to present Sheridan to the Prince of Wales, Lord Spencer, out of jealousy, bribes a tailor to let him have a court dress which Sheridan had ordered, hoping thereby to prevent him from going to the party. But Sheridan discovers the plot, and contrives to produce Paddy the footman at the duchess's soiree in the very same uniform as Lord Spencer, thereby covering the latter with ridicule, and gaining great reputation for himself. After a good many incidents, which, I apprehend, the most diligent student of the life and times of Sheridan will fail to recognise, his rival, Lord Spencer, the villain in the piece, is killed in a duel for Sheridan's sake by the gallant Commodore Dunbar; and when the curtain falls Sheridan is prime minister, and marries Susannah O'Donnor. M. Theophile Gautier, the eminent critic, is my authority for the above analysis, which I have abridged from his article in the *Moniteur*. The scenes who took the leading parts are M. Febvre (Sheridan), Delaancy (Marquis Champrose), Nerlann (Lord Spencer), Saint-Germain (Paddy), Mdme. Derieux (the duchess), and Mdlle. Pierson (Susannah). They are fervently applauded every night, and it is confidently predicted that the piece will revive the fortunes of the Vaudeville Theatre, which were drooping.

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WITH POWER TO ADD TO THEIR NUMBER.

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Messrs. ARBUTHNOT AND Co,

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Agents in London: Messrs ARBUTHNOT, LATHAM AND Co.

Agents in Calcutta.
Messrs. GILLANDERS, ARBUTHNOT AND Co.

Agents in Bombay.
Messrs. FINLAY, HUTCHISON AND Co.

THIS Company was established in April 1862 with a capital of Rs. 1,50,000 subsequently increased to 3 lakhs. It has recently been decided to extend the capital still further to a total amount of Rs. 10,00,000.

The Company was originally formed for the cultivation of produce generally, but the Directors intend for the present to confine their operations to Coffee as that article appears to offer the greatest advantages.

The profits of Coffee cultivation when conducted with ordinary prudence are known to be very large. The "Wynaad Planters' Association" in reply to an enquiry made by Mr. E. G. Thomas, Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, recently declared the average profits to be about 25 per cent.

The Company have already acquired by purchase the Glen Coorg Estate near Mercara—in the province of Coorg—and a block of forest land in Munzerabad—known as Money Bede.

Glen Coorg is situated on the Mangalore Ghat, at a distance of 3 Miles by hill, or 12 Miles by trunk road from Mercara. From Mangalore it is distant 60 Miles, water communication being available for about 20 Miles of that distance. The Estate contains about 1200 acres, of which 800 are already planted and in partial bearing. The remainder is fine forest with a sufficiency of grazing ground. The Directors have engaged a Manager of much experience in Ceylon and whose testimonials are of the highest order, and as the climate of Coorg has been proved to be perfectly adapted for Coffee Cultivation, there is every reason to hope that this Estate will become a valuable property.

The Money Bede Estate is a block of 1200 acres of fine forest land—in every way suited for Coffee Cultivation. A gentleman who has already opened two Estates in Ceylon to the entire satisfaction of his Employers—has been engaged as Manager. A large extent will at once be brought into Cultivation, and the Directors look with the utmost confidence to the future prospects of this Estate.

Applications for shares to be addressed to Messrs. Arbuthnot in Madras; Gillanders, Arbuthnot and Co., Calcutta—G. Stewart, Latham and Co., Bombay. Rs. 50 per share will be called up on Allotment—but the Directors do not anticipate that any further calls will be required during the present year.

Business Announcements.

EUROPEAN PENSIONERS' AND WIDOWS' HOME, TARDEO.—Supported by Voluntary Contributions.—Donations to the above Institution of Clothes, of Books, (suitable for the Pensioners' Library), will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged by the Secretary.

Major J. T. ANNESLEY, Treasurer.
Captain TURNER, Secretary.

C. STEPHENS & SONS.—Take this opportunity of in forming the Public, that as much anatomical skil if required in Shoeing a horse *properly*, they are now enabled to arrange so that one of them shall constantly be in attendance as the Forge to superintend the workmen, all of whom are Europeans, and have served their time in one of the first Forges in London. The injury done to animals in this Presidency by the ignorance of Farriers, who, without the slightest knowledge of the anatomy of the Horse's foot, practice heir cruft, is quite incalculable, and highly detrimental to the public interes

Terms of Commission—5 per cent.

Certificates given as usual on the Soundness or Unsoundness of Horses for the Fee of Rupees 5.

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MESSRS. TREACHER & CO., Operative Chemists, &c., the Medical Hall, Byculla, Bombay, beg to draw the attention of Amateur and Professional Photographers to their extensive and well selected stock of Apparatus, Chemicals, and every other requisite for the practice of Photography; and they are now in a position to execute orders most favorably, having recently extended this branch, and, to facilitate its working, fitted up Rooms especially adapted for the nature of the stock, at their commodious premises at Byculla, and further have placed a Photographic Chemist of great experience in charge of this branch,

CHEMICALS.

ACID, Acetic Glacial; Acetic Glacial for "Paper process;" Acetic Beanfoys; Boracic; Citric; Formic Gallic; Pyro-Gallic; Hydrochloric, pure; Nitric pure; Malic; and Sulphuric, pure.
ALCOHOL, pure and absolute.
AMMONIA, solution Sp. Gr. 880°.
AMMONIUM, Chloride; Bromide and Iodide.
BARYTA, Nitrate.
CADMIUM Iodide; and Bromide.
CHLOROFORM, Pure, Duncan and Flockhart's, Sp. Gr. 1497.
COLLODIONS, Negative and Positive; Thomas'; Bolton's; Ponting's; Ponting's Bromo Iodized; Sutton's; Sutton's Alcoholic; and for the Dry process.
COTTON WOOL, finest *prepared*.
ETHER SULPHURIC, Rectified; and Sulphuric; and Absolute.
GUN COTTON, Soluble.
GUN PAPER Soluble.
GOLD CHLORIDES, Pure and Neutral, in 15 and 30 gr. bottles; and Salt of, or Sal d'Or.
GLYCERRHIZINE, Solution, for producing intense negatives.
IODINE, Resublimed; Bromide; Chloride; and Tincture, Simple and Compound.
IRON, Bromide; Iodide; Protosulphate, pure, and Proionitrate in Solution.
KAOLIN.
LAMPBLACK, for Polishing.
LITMUS PAPER, in Books; and Tincture.
MAGNESIA, Nitrate.
MERCURY, pure, distilled.
NAPTHA.
POTASS, Nitrate, pure.
POTASSIUM, Bromide; Cyanide; Fluoride; and Iodide.
ROTTEN STONE, finest prepared.
ROUGE, finest, for polishing.
SILVER, Ammonia Nitrate in Solution.
SILVER, Solution (Argento Cyanide of Potassium) for re-silvering Daguerotype Plates, and Electro Depositions; Bromide; Chloride; Cyanide; Nitrate, fused; perfectly neutral, and is free from *nitrite*; Nitrate, pure; Recrystallized.
Baths, for Negatives and Positives, carefully prepared, and ready for immediate Iodide; and Iodide in Iodide of Potassium (for Calotype Process.)
SODA, Hyposulphite pure, free from Sulphate; Phosphate, and Acetate.
SODIUM, Chloride, pure; Bromide; and Iodide.
SOLUTION, for Iodizing Waxed Paper; and Sensitizing Waxed Paper.
TANNIN, pure.
TURMERIC Paper, in Books.
TRIPOLI finest Venetian.
VARNISHES, by Bolton, Thomas, Bland and Long, &c., consisting of
VARNISH, Amber in Chloroform; Crystal in Chloroform; Benzoin in Chloroform; Spirit, by Bohne Freres; and Jet Varnish, for Positives.

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Best Patent Glass with "Ground Edges," by MESSRS. CHANCE & Co., of the following sizes:—

24 by 20 and 22 by 18.

BOXES FOR HOLDING THE ABOVE PLATES, STEREOSCOPIC PLATES AND BOXES FOR HOLDING THE SAME.

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	SIZES.
Albumenized Paper,	
Genuine German Saxe.	
Extra Albumenized do.	22 by 17
Turner's Negative and Positive	
Whatman's do.	and
Canson's Thin Negative.	
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Hollingworth's Papers.	
Salted do.	
Pure Bibulous Paper, free from Iron.	
Bibulous Extra thick for Blotting off Proofs.	
Circular Filtering Papers, of sizes.	

SUNDRIES.

Plate Holders.
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Pressure Frames, Oak and Mahogany.
Levelling Stands with Screws, for Coating and developing Plates.
Scales and Weights in Mahogany Boxes, with Glass Pans.
Scales in Ivory, with Brass Pans.
Graduated Glass Measures.
Glass Funnels and Stands.
Buckle Brushes.
Focussing Screens.
Gold and Silver Shells.
Camels' Hair Pencils, of sizes.
Horn Forceps, and Paper Clips.
Mason's Cement, various.
Card Mounts, of sizes.
Frames for Paste Portraits.
Morocco Cases and Frames, of every description.
Glass and Wedgewood Pestles and Mortars
Stereoscopic Mounts.
Microscopes and Telescopes.

Auction Announcements.

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & CO.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY.

Messrs. DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & Co. are instructed to submit to sale by Public Auction, at their Rooms, on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 4 P.M., the valuable Landed Property "Roseville Cottage" near the Railroad between Khandalla and Lanowlee. The same consists of Bungalows, Out-Houses, and extensive land; the out-garden is well stocked with shrubs and plants, and there is a well of good water close by.

The above is the property of J. S. TATE, Esq. Civil Engineer.

FOR SALE ON COMMISSION.

A Gold Hunting Watch by "H.B. Harrison." Price Rs. 200.
A Silver Hunting Watch by "A. B. Savory and Son." Price Rs. 85, with Gold Curb Chain.
A pair of Handsome high caste fast trotting Bay Arab Carriage Horses, 5 years old, and 14-1½. To be seen on two hours' previous notice.
A few dozens of White and Coloured Gentlemen's Shirts.
A quantity best Stewart's English bottled Sherry.

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & Co.

Bombay, 18th June 1863.

MESSRS. FRANCIS & CO.

On TUESDAY next, the 23rd instant, Messrs. FRANCIS & Co. will sell by Public Auction, a large quantity of Grey Shirtings, Madapollams, Jaconets, T Cloths, one case containing Hand Clips, Pencils, Wafer and Date Boxes, one case containing best Pencils, Penknives, and beautiful glass Paper Weights, one case containing Cash Boxes, and Bundry other fancy Articles.

FOR SALE ON COMMISSION.

Saddlery, by McNaghten, of Glasgow.
Superior Hair Oil.
De Jongh's Cod Liver Oil.
N. B.—Messrs. Ritchie, Steuart & Co. have kindly permitted us to state that reference may be made to them.

FRANCIS & Co.

Forbes Street, Bombay, 18th June 1863.

BENNETT & CO.

WEEKLY SALE.

On SATURDAY next, the 20th instant, at the usual hour, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, consisting of Grey and other Piece Goods, Twists, a few cases of White Long Cloths damaged, and 4 cases of Millinery.

Also, on account of the concerned:—
13 casks of Crockery Ware.
1 bale of Orchilla Weed, slightly damaged.
Also, One 4-Oared Race Boat.

AT 1 P.M.

1 White Horse.
And any other Carriages and Horses offering.

AUCTION SALE OF A CONSIGNMENT OF VERY SUPERIOR ENGLISH FURNITURE, MAGNIFICENT PIER GLASSES, TUCKER'S LAMPS, &c. &c.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY the 18th, and TO-MORROW, FRIDAY the 19th inst., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction at Tardeo, opposite the Police Chowkey, the remainder of a consignment of very superior Europe Furniture, Magnificent Pier Glasses, Tucker's Lamps, &c. just arrived, comprising Mah